

## NEWSPAPER WORKING FOR REFORM THREATENED WITH DYNAMITING

**Monessen Independent  
Editor Receives Letter  
Cautioning Him to  
"Go Slow"**

### CALL FOR CLEAN-UP

**Publication Endeavoring to  
Have Alleged Gambling  
Houses and Places of Ill  
Fame Banished**

Because of his recent activity in having the borough of Monessen and vicinity cleared of gamblers and disorderly houses, Harry R. Pore, editor of the Monessen Independent has received a letter containing a threat to blow up his newspaper plant. The writer of the letter, according to Mr. Pore starts out by calling names, asking him what difference it makes to him whether 25 or more disorderly houses exist in the town, alleging that he is sore because he does not share in the profits. He has placed the letter in the hands of postal authorities. "What will happen to you if two or three sticks of dynamite are thrown in on you some night and you will be blown into hell where you belong?" is asked in the letter. With a few more cut words and villification the writer ends by saying that Editor Pore is trying to "st p a girl from making an honest living," and ends with "yours for blood," with some black hand marks. Editor Pore has directed the fight against houses of ill fame and alleged gambling joints with all the vim of his makeup, and the letter indicates the sensation that he has created. Six members of the State Constabulary were in Monessen Thursday night, intending to make a raid. The word got out, however and the places were practically all closed up.

## LIVE COAL ROLLS FROM GRATE FIRE; FIREMEN CALLED

A live coal dropping from a grate onto the floor at the home of Herman Hotz, at 211 Fallowfield avenue Thursday evening at 6 o'clock almost resulted in a serious fire. Both Mr. Hotz and his wife were down town at this time. The fire was noticed in its first stages by a neighbor who turned in the alarm. The firemen put it out with a bucket of water. A hole was burned in the floor, but that was about the entire damage. The building where the fire occurred is owned by Isaac Allman.

**Notice to Tax Payers.**  
The last month for 1912 borough taxes at face. Beginning January 1, 1913 five per cent will be added to all unpaid 1912 borough taxes.  
J. W. Mathias,  
Collector.  
129-16

**Dancing at Donora.**  
New Year's afternoon and night at Donora, Pa. Afternoon at 2:30. Night, 8:30.  
131-15

## SENDS STATE SONG FOR USE IN SCHOOLS

**Gov. Tener Donates Two Thousand Copies of  
"Pennsylvania" to Charleroi Educa-  
tional Institutions**

Two thousand copies of the song, "Pennsylvania," or enough for every pupil in regular attendance in the Charleroi schools and for every teacher, have been received by R. H. Rush, cashier of the First National Bank, from Gov. J. K. Tener, with instructions to distribute them among the school pupils. The songs will be turned over to Superintendent T. L. Pollock, who in turn will probably place them in the care of Prof. I. T. Daniel, supervisor of music in the schools. The song "Pennsylvania" has been adopted as the song of the Keystone State. Words are by John E. Barrett and the music by Frederick Richard Benjamin. It is dedicated to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It was first sung by a chorus of 500 school children at the State Capitol on October 4, 1911.

On the front page of the edition sent by Gov. Tener is a neat design in the form of a Keystone. The first verse is:  
Pennsylvania for the glory,  
Of thy deeds in bygone days,  
And the splendor of thy glory,  
Joyously we sing thy praise;  
When the People's Declaration  
Thundered forth the great decree  
That proclaimed our land in Thee.  
Freedom found a friend in Thee.  
The music to the song, written in march time, is appealing, containing a vibrant melody, that while simple and easy is stirring. Evidences are that the song will attain instant and unprecedented popularity with the school children, and in their minds rank only second to that almost divine national melody, "The Star Spangled Banner."

## FORMER ROSCOE MAN ON DEER HUNT IN FAR WEST TELLS OF TRIP

In a letter to his sister, Mrs. T. R. Eagey of Charleroi, W. S. Sphar, formerly of Roscoe, writes an interesting account from Council, Idaho, of a recent hunting trip he took in that section. He says:  
"Frank, Bill Cooper and I returned from our hunt last Saturday. We had a fine trip and lots of game. Went from here to a ranch on Little Salmon river about 30 miles from Meadows. Left the hack there and packed the horses with our camping outfit. Went about 12 miles by trail in Seven Devils mountains and camped in a big cabin. We hunted about two days and a half and got two deer each, three bucks and three does. Got all six deer at the ranch and expect to live high this winter.  
"I had 21 shots at deer with the .30-30 to get mine and the other fellows had the same number of shots. It took six pack horses to pack the deer from the camp across the mountains to where we left the hack. We had fine weather while we were there no snow to amount to anything except around Meadows, where it was about six inches deep."

## CHARLEROI GIRL BECOMES BRIDE OF ALLENPORT MAN

Miss Nellie Dagnall of Charleroi, and Albert McFeeley, of Allenport, were married in Pittsburg on Tuesday. Almost unknown to their most intimate friends they left early in the morning for that point, later returning with the news that they had been wedded. The bride formerly was employed in one of the 5 and 10 cent stores here. The groom was employed at the Monessen freight office. Mr. and Mrs. McFeeley will live in Charleroi.

**Notice**  
Riggs and Stech, the most up-to-date Shoe Store in the valley will give to each and every new born baby a pair of soft sole shoes. Call at our store and make your selection. 118-15

**New Years Eve Dance.**  
Dance the old year out and the New Year in at Night's Auditorium, Charleroi. Dancing 8:30. Wheeler's orchestra.  
131-15

## LAMP EXPLOSION CAUSE OF SMALL MONESSEN BLAZE

Harry McElfresh, living on the hill at Monessen forgot to turn out the oil lamp before going to bed last night, and the lamp exploded. A blaze was caused that destroyed for him a \$52 suit of new clothes and damaged his house to the extent of about \$400. McElfresh was keeping "batch" for a few days while his wife and family were away.

## WELL KNOWN COUPLE WED AT FAYETTE CITY

The marriage of Miss Pauline Keota Hackett, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. George Stuart Hackett of Fayette City and Dr. George B. Hansel was solemnized Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of about 40 guests.  
The father of the bride officiated, assisted by the Rev. John T. Hackett of Charleroi. The bride, who was given away by her brother, George Stuart Hackett, Jr., of New York, wore white brocaded satin, draped with white satin chapeau and shadow lace, and carried a shower bouquet of valley lilies and white roses tied with white chiffon. Her tulle veil was arranged in cap effect caught with valley lilies.  
Miss Ruth Doane Mellon of Ann Arbor, Mich., was maid of honor and Dr. Clyde Ramsey Huston of Fayette City best man. The Rev. and Mrs. Hackett and Mr. and Mrs. Chichester Moreland Hackett of Mt. Vernon, O., who were recently married, received with the bridal party. Dr. Hansel is a graduate of Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia. Dr. and Mrs. Hansel will spend their honeymoon in the Bermuda Islands and eastern cities.

## PARCELS POST MAP ARRIVES

**Final Preparations Being  
Made for Starting  
System**

### ZONES ARE DESIGNATED

Parcels post equipment in the shape of a map and a guide, both of which are prime essentials in the conduct of the service to be instituted over the United States the first of January have been received at the local post office. Also an appropriation has been announced for the local post office amounting to \$50 to start the parcels post here. Monongahela likewise has received \$50 with a promise of as much more as is needed. It has a rural delivery route, something that Charleroi has not.  
On the new parcels post map the zones and areas of unit for determining the postage are clearly shown. Red circular lines mark the boundaries of the eight zones of distance on which the several postage rates are based. Units are squares by the use of which it is possible to determine the rates.  
All units are numbered and all boundaries are similarly designated. For instance Charleroi is within the unit 1318, which includes parts of Washington, Westmoreland, Allegheny, Fayette and a very small portion of Greene county. However this unit does not designate the first zone which is within a 50-mile limit. It only helps to designate it.  
Charleroi is in boundary No 1. This boundary takes in several units, and this is regarded as the first zone, of which there is technically speaking a 50-mile limit.

## TO WAGE BATTLE FOR LAW

**Labor to Assist in Fight  
for Inspection of  
Measures**

### MUCH DATA SECURED

Compulsory inspection of weights and measures will be asked of the next legislature by labor and other organizations and a determined fight made to obtain it, early in the session. Men identified with the State Federation of Labor have obtained data as to the results of inspection in Allegheny, Berks, Luzerne, Washington and other counties and in various cities and will present it in support of the bill. The State Bureau of Standards, which gives the standards on all weights, will also have some bills relative to inspection, one of which will be for all sealers of cities and counties to file reports of their work with the State bureau. Lancaster will probably be the next city to establish inspection.

**Returns From Virginia.**  
Rev. W. B. Crawford, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist church has returned from a two weeks' tour in West Virginia. He conducted evangelistic services at Tyr, Connell, W. Va., Clarksburg and Grafton. Rev. Crawford is to make a report Sunday evening to his congregation of his work.  
Assemblyman William Feeney left for Punxsutawney this morning to attend the funeral of an aunt.  
Tonight the Bachelors Girls' club of Charleroi is to hold a dance and a number of out-of-town visitors will be here.

## FIRE CHIEFS GIVEN THE POWER TO ENFORCE LAW

**Significance of New Statute Just Being Realized--  
Necessary That All Fires be Reported  
With Their Cause**

### INSPECTION FOR PROTECTION URGED

By a new law being enforced in Pennsylvania, the significance of which is just beginning to be appreciated, infinitely better fire protection is compelled in towns and cities, with the fire chiefs as assistants to the State Fire Marshal in the enforcement. Joseph L. Baldwin, State Fire Marshal has numbered J. M. Fleming, the chief of the Charleroi Fire Department as one of his assistants, and has sent him copies of the law governing his work. A blank has to be made out within ten days after every fire, telling how the fire occurred the kind of structure and all other pertinent information regarding it. "Carelessness" is not accepted as a cause of fire, the specific cause having to be given.  
One of the chief provisions in the new law, which was signed in June by Gov. Tener provides for the investigation of fires. Not only is the chief of the fire department given power to inspect buildings and to investigate causes after fires, but he is also empowered to inspect buildings where there is claimed to be a particular lack of fire protection. The chief is given the authority where a building is especially liable to fire, to order such repairs as are deemed necessary. A penalty is provided for neglect to follow the instructions of the fire chief. Common sense is a feature, and no repairs of changes can be demanded which are not reasonably practical.  
A fire chief has the right if he has been named as an assistant to the State Marshal to summon such witnesses as he deems necessary to ascertain the cause of a fire. Refusal to pay attention to such summons is regarded as contempt of court. Inspections of buildings may be made by the fire marshal or any of his assistants at any reasonable hours.

## DAY'S SEARCH IN SHOOTING MYSTERY REVEALS NOTHING

County Detective William McCleary, Detective Hiltop and Coroner James T. Heffran spent a part of Thursday in Charleroi making investigations into the shooting of James Cicero and Frank Genoa there Christmas morning. There is little clue upon which to work towards a solution of the mystery. Charles Darben in whose home the shooting occurred, is missing together with his wife and others. It is now stated that Darben did not leave Charleroi early Monday morning but that his wife went away on the early train.  
Coroner James T. Heffran has empaneled the following jury to try the inquest into Cicero's death: Kirk Richardson, C. L. Hudson, William Jones, Richard Hawthorne, Frank Baker and Charles Winfield.

## COKE WORKERS PROFIT BY A WAGE ADVANCE

The coke interests of the H. C. Frick company in the Connellsville field, which is a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation, will share it is stated, in the contemplated raise in wages by that concern. The statement was given out by Judge Gary that a raise in wages would soon be made which was designed to benefit the common laborers and unskilled workers. It is expected that about 30,000 will be affected by the raise.

**Lecture.**  
A lecture to be given by the Slovak's, you are hereby cordially invited to hear. Hon. Dr. Paul Blaho's interesting lecture concerning the ecocents, ladies 25 cents, commencing at 7 o'clock, to be held at Turner Hall corner Seventh street and McKean avenue, Charleroi, Pa., December 30, 1912. At the end of the lecture a dance will be held. All are welcome. Admission, Gents, 50 cents, ladies 25 cents, commencing at 7 o'clock p. m.  
Committee. 132-42

## RECEPTION TO BE HELD IN HONOR OF 102 NEW MEMBERS

A program for the annual congregational meeting and reception to new members to be held at the First Christian church tonight has been outlined by Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor. The reception will be given especially for the 102 members who have been received into membership with the church since the first of the year when Rev. Duty assumed his pastorate. The program will include reports of the various organizations of the church, such as the Bible school, the Woman's Missionary society, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Christian Endeavor Society, the church treasurer, and the pastor. J. L. Shannon is to be the chairman at the business session. Vocal solos, according to the program are to be rendered by Miss Isabel Wilson, Miss Isabella Dorbritz, Miss Georgene Parsons, and Warren Kinder. Instrumental selections are to be rendered by Misses May and Ethel Barth, and Robert McGowan, and readings given by Misses Ester Wyatt and Mary Chester.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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tion, 5 cents a line each additional in-  
sertion.

## LOCAL AGENCIES

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## THE THREATENING STAGE

In the struggle for law, order and  
decency that is going on at Monessen  
the threatening stage has been  
reached. The Independent, which has  
started a crusade against the dives,  
gambling joints and speakeasies that  
are alleged to exist there, has been  
threatened with dynamiting in an  
anonymous letter received by the ed-  
itor of that paper. The letter states  
that it is none of the editor's busi-  
ness how many houses of prostitution  
exist in the town, or how much gam-  
bling is done, as he does not have to  
participate personally in any of them.  
As a postscript the letter adds that  
both the editor and his plant are like-  
ly to be dynamited if he doesn't "mind  
his own business."

What Monessen needs is an or-  
ganization of good citizens who will  
work together for the purpose of  
stamping out these evils. All that is  
necessary is for a few determined  
men to stand together and the people  
will support them, when they see that  
the former mean business. The rowdy  
and vicious element is in every case  
in a very small minority, but through  
various machination they make the  
majority think they are a mighty  
force. As a matter of fact they are a  
very insignificant factor, as is al-  
ways evidenced when a movement of  
the people takes place. Wherever  
vice, crime and a wide open condition  
exists, it is maintained solely on bluff.

It is to the credit of the editor of  
the Independent that the threats have  
only spurred him on to greater ac-  
tivity. He is right, and he will re-  
ceive the support of the good people.  
When the enemy resorts to threats of  
personal violence, it is pretty conclu-  
sive evidence that it is on the run.

## LIKE THE DAYS OF YOUTH.

In the midst of the political and so-  
cial upheavals that are constantly go-  
ing on all around us, there are some  
who are not in accord with the move-  
ment for progress and who fondly de-  
lude themselves with the belief that  
the present movement is but a spor-  
adic flurry; that the old order of af-  
fairs will return again and that the  
boss will dominate politics, national,  
state and municipal, once again as of  
yore. Such people are like the old  
emigres of France—the Bourbons—  
whom the great Napoleon is quoted as  
saying, "they learned nothing and  
forgot nothing."

The old time order of politics is

like the days of our youth—gone  
never to return. Changing social and  
economic conditions are changing pol-  
itics. The old free and easy bu-  
caneer days, when the political bunch  
could take what it wanted at the ex-  
pense of the public, are gone forever,  
and a new regime is being ushered in.  
Henceforth public officials will learn  
that they have a trust to perform in-  
stead of a snap, and that if they do  
not perform that trust they will be  
subject to recall. We have not yet  
got the recall in Pennsylvania, but  
we are going to have it, as will every  
other state in the union. From this  
time hence the people are going to  
run their own politics instead of de-  
legating some one to run it for them.  
Whatever the people want they are  
going to have, and as nothing can pre-  
vent them having it, all elements and  
classes might as well unite and join  
in getting the best that is going.

## PICKED UP IN PASSING

A small boy and a small girl, cous-  
ins, who had rounded up from differ-  
ent sections to spend Christmas with  
their grandparents in Charleroi, when  
they met at the table for the first  
time after their arrival were seated  
side by side. At each of their  
places was a glass of milk. As soon  
as they were seated the boy lifted his  
glass to his cousin, who did the same,  
and the two solemnly clinked glasses,  
bowed to one another and each drank  
to the health of the other.

"Where in the world did you kids  
ever see anything like that?" ex-  
claimed their aunt, who was some-  
what amazed at the worldly wisdom  
of the two juveniles.

"At the moving picture show!" they  
both chorused.

"We do not employ many boys at  
our plant," said a prominent industrial  
superintendent of the valley a few  
days ago, "but when we do I prefer  
country boys to those born and bred  
in the cities and towns, and the lad  
from the farm always gets the pref-  
erence from me when applying for a  
job. I always question an applicant  
as to where he was born and bred and  
whether or not he ever lived in the  
country."

"Why do I make this distinction?"  
Simply because the country boy  
knows something about work. Al-  
most as soon as he is able to walk  
the country boy has duties and re-  
sponsibilities thrust upon him. He  
has chores to do, wood and water to  
carry, chickens and pigs to feed, and  
cows to drive to and from the pas-  
ture. By the time a country boy is  
old enough to get an employment cer-  
tificate in their state, he has a good  
knowledge of the scheme of produc-  
tion. He knows that a dollar means  
so many bushels of potatoes or corn  
and how much labor it takes to pro-  
duce the product that is turned into  
dollars. Everything he does he knows  
applies to the scheme of production,  
and that it is necessary to do that  
thing well if you realize what you  
should on your product.

"On the other hand the town bred  
boy of 14 hasn't the slightest idea of  
work or the scheme of production.  
The child labor law will not permit  
him to do any regular work at odd  
times and during vacation periods.  
A dollar to him means so many ad-  
missions to the picture show, or so  
many cigarettes, or so much spending  
money handed out by his parents. Not  
knowing the source of supply, he has  
no consideration for the producer of  
it. He never has had a chore to do  
at home, and consequently hasn't the  
slightest idea of responsibility."

"Put a boy like that at work in a  
factory, and it's like starting a seven-  
year-old kid to work. He doesn't see  
the need of being accurate, and the  
only thing that he has been trained  
in is how to spend his wages. He  
doesn't know why he is doing a par-  
ticular thing, nor to what part of  
the whole his particular line of work  
belongs. Consequently he thinks he's  
being imposed on, watches the clock  
and does just as little as he possibly  
can."

"That's the difference between a  
boy bred on a farm or in the country  
and one bred in town. The boy who  
gets work sandwiched in with his ed-  
ucation from the very start is the one  
who has a big handicap over the lad  
who is never taught to do anything  
until he reaches the factory age."

## Notice

Riggs and Stech, the most up-to-  
date Shoe Store in the valley will  
give to each and every new born  
baby, a pair of soft sole shoes. Call  
at our store and make your selection.

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## ELECTRIC SPARKS

Personal mention—Mrs. Nancy  
Brown and Mr. Nancy Brown spent  
Christmas at Jackson's Cross Roads.

If these new fangled pulmoters  
come into general use for resuscitat-  
ing dead persons, we can never feel  
real sure we are dead until we are  
safely planted. Even then they might  
take a notion to dig us out for the  
purpose of testing the machinery.

Christmas had any ordinary holi-  
day beaten a mile for downright cus-  
sedness among the ungodly.

Turkey has announced that it is  
ready to resume war. Some folks  
never seem to know when to cry  
enough.

A Washington girl was injured at  
school by a transom falling on her  
head. That again emphasizes the  
danger of too much education.

What's the difference if we didn't  
get any Christmas presents? We'll  
die sometime and won't need them.

Hobble Gowns in The Ark.

Mrs. Noah is debonair—  
Observe her painted smile—  
Her gowns and those her daughter  
wear  
Are strikingly in style.

—Harrisburg Telegraph.  
While the reformers are in the re-  
forming and regulating business why  
not have them create a reform and  
adopt new regulations for the observ-  
ance of next Christmas.

So far as we know New Year's is  
the next holiday.

It seems strange that even a trag-  
edy could be mysterious about Cali-  
fornia.

Even the operation of the most up-  
to-date machinery has its drawbacks,  
particularly when the gas engine  
fails.

Franklin the Citizen

Franklin was particular about the  
way of doing business. He was par-  
ticular about the way in which he  
made his money. When he first start-  
ed his newspaper in Philadelphia his  
rival was Bradford, who, in addition  
to publishing a paper, was postmaster  
general of the colonies. Bradford used  
his authority as postmaster general to  
practically exclude Franklin's papers  
from the mail by forbidding the pos-  
t-riders to carry them. Franklin short-  
ly after succeeded Bradford as pos-  
tmaster general. Here was the oppor-  
tunity to build a monopoly and crush  
his old rival, but the thought never  
seems to have entered his head that  
the newspaper business of the colonies  
belonged to him. He says of Bradford  
in his attempt to crush Franklin's  
newspaper, "I thought so meanly of  
him for it that when I afterward ex-  
amined his situation I took care never to  
imitate him."

A War Bismarck Forgot.

The smallest of Europe's sovereign  
states, Liechtenstein, has a monarch  
and a parliament, but no taxes and no  
army. Its finances are provided by its  
Prince John II, who in return com-  
mutes three of its fifteen members of  
parliament. At the time of the Austro-  
Prussian war the principality sided  
with Austria and mobilized an army of  
100 of all ranks to share in the fight-  
ing. But Liechtenstein's army never  
smelled fire, and Liechtenstein itself  
was quite overlooked in the peace ne-  
gotiations at the end of the war. Fif-  
teen years later Bismarck discovered  
that his country was still technically  
at war with this miniature state, and  
in strict accordance with the etiquette  
of such things, pourparlers took place,  
and a formal treaty of peace was signed  
between the two countries.—West-  
minster Gazette

A Stone-Eater.

The oddest diet in the world is—  
stones. In an old volume of the Gen-  
tleman's Magazine is described the dis-  
covery of a stone-eater "in a northern  
inhabited island" by the crew of a  
Dutch ship. They brought him to  
France in May, 1760, where he was  
submitted to all kinds of scientific  
tests. It was proved that he thrived  
better on stones than on any other  
food, and he was usually convicted  
of large sized stints, with powdered  
marbles for dessert. He became a  
great attraction at fashionable gather-  
ings, where he amused the guests by  
swallowing stones and afterward con-  
vincing them that there was no decep-  
tion by making them rattle in his  
stomach.—London Chronicle

Mental Suggestion.

The elder Rothschild once proved the  
value of mental suggestion as regards  
money matters. Receiving by special  
courier the news of the result of a  
Napoleonic battle he went to a prom-  
inent corner in the financial district  
and stood against a post, the figure of  
a subject despair and discouragement.

"We are beaten and lost!" declared  
the people. And then dumped their  
stocks in the market, and the elder  
Rothschild, through his agents, bought  
their stocks up in a hurry before the  
news was received by the people that  
the battle had been a victory and not  
a disaster.

## WHAT IS DIRT?

How the Question Was Answered by a  
Professor of Chemistry.

An old college professor used to say  
to his students: "What is dirt? Don't  
be afraid of a little dirt, young gentle-  
man. What is dirt? Why, nothing at  
all offensive when chemically viewed.  
Rub a little alkali upon that dirty  
grease spot on your coat, and it under-  
goes a chemical change and becomes  
soap. Now rub it with a little water  
and it disappears. It is neither grease,  
soap, water nor dirt."

"That is not a very odorous pile of  
dirt you observe there. Well, scatter  
a little gypsum over it, and it is no  
longer dirty. Everything you call dirt  
is worthy of your notice as students  
of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it!  
It will all separate into very clear ele-  
ments."

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread  
and meat, and that makes a very  
sweet young lady that I saw one of  
you kissing last night. So, after all,  
you were kissing dirt, particularly if  
she whitened her skin with chalk of  
feller's earth."

"There is no telling, young gentlemen,  
what is dirt, though I may say that  
rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful  
skin of a young lady is a dirty prac-  
tice. Nice, pearly face powder is made  
of blisss—nothing but dirt"—Ex-  
change.

## MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced  
and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century  
there lived in an old New England  
town a Mr. Church, who in the course  
of his early life was bereft of four  
wives, all of whom were buried to the  
same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to  
remove the remains to a new cemetery.  
This he undertook himself, but in the  
process the bones became hopelessly  
mixed.

His "New England conscience" would  
not allow him under the painful cir-  
cumstances to use the original head  
stones, so he procured new ones, one  
of which bore the following inscrip-  
tion.

"Here lies Hannah's church and prob-  
ably a portion of Emily."

Another:  
"Sacred to the memory of Emily  
Church, who seems to be mixed with  
Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear,  
For Emily Church lies buried here.

Mixed in some perplexing manner  
With Mary, Matilda and probably Han-  
nah.

—Exchange.

A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago  
hit upon a neat way of scoring against  
certain politicians of the times. A  
comic journal, not being a newspaper  
within the meaning of the act, was pro-  
hibited from giving news and so to  
place of a parliamentary report the  
humorist in question reported a few  
"first lines" from speeches by promi-  
nent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell  
said he was not sensible"—"Mr. Hunt  
was entirely ignorant"—"Lord Ashley  
said he should like the earliest op-  
portunity of moving"—"Mr. Percival  
presented a petition, praying"—"Col-  
onel Stothorpe never could under-  
stand"—"Lord Lyndhurst said he  
must entreat of every one to give him  
credit"—"Sir Edward Sugden was not  
one of those who thought"—"Mr.  
Croker said he had the faintest assur-  
ance"—

Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever  
were known was to be seen at the  
French court at the time of Charles  
IX. This was a viol so large that sev-  
eral boys could be placed inside of it.  
These boys used to sit inside this queer  
instrument and sing the airs that the  
man who handled the bow was play-  
ing on the viol outside. The effect is  
said to have been very beautiful,  
though it would seem as if the pres-  
ence of the lads in its interior would  
seriously interfere with the tone of the  
"great fiddle," as it was called. Many  
years after another huge instrument  
of this kind was used at concerts in  
Boston. It was so large that to play  
it the fiddler had to stand on a table  
to use his bow at the proper point on  
the strings. This instrument was called  
"the grandfather of fiddles."

Columbia River Thrice Named.

The Columbia river has had three  
names. It was first called the Oregon,  
afterward it was called the St. Roque,  
but when it was discovered by Robert  
Gray in 1792 it was given the name of  
his vessel, the Columbia. In place of  
the two floating appellations, Oregon  
and St. Roque. According to Whitney,  
the original name of the river was the  
Oregon, "big ear" or "one that has big  
ears," the allusion being to the custom  
of the Indians who were found in its  
region of stretching their ears by bor-  
ing them and crowding them with or-  
naments.

Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson  
musingly. "Tom Wilkins and Edith  
Brown need to be great friends of  
mine. I introduced them to each other.  
They got married, and now neither of  
them will speak to me. Wonder what  
the reason can be?"

Sometimes They Are.

Little Sister—What are goose eggs to  
a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings  
in which no runs are made. Why do  
you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought  
they were laid by the fowls of the  
game.—Chicago News.

How well you live matters, and not  
how long

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## WHISTLER AT WORK.

The Eccentric Artist Had a Method  
That Was All His Own.

In "Memoires of James McNeill  
Whistler," by Thomas E. Wag, the  
author allows us a glance at the ar-  
tist's methods during his residence at  
the white house in Tite street, built  
from the designs of his friend, E. W.  
Godwin, the architect.

"The studio was surprisingly differ-  
ent from the room he previously used  
in Kingsway row, and entirely unlike  
the studios usually occupied by other  
artists. I remember a long, not very  
lofty room, very light, with windows  
along one side; his canvas beside his  
model at one end and at the other, near  
the table which he used as a palette,  
an old Georgian looking glass, so ar-  
ranged that he could readily see his  
canvas and model reflected in it. Those  
who used such a mirror (as he did  
constantly) will know that it is the  
most merciless of critics."

"I marvelled then at his extraordi-  
nary activity, as he darted backward  
and forward to look at both painting  
and model from his point of view at  
the extreme end of the long studio. He  
always used brushes of large size with  
very long handles, three feet in length,  
and held them from the end with his  
arm stretched to its full extent. Each  
touch was laid on with great firmness,  
and his physical strength enabled him  
to do without the assistance of a  
maulstick, while the distance at which  
he stood from the canvas allowed him  
to have the whole of a large picture in  
sight and so judge the correct drawing  
of each touch."

## STORY OF THE SEXTANT.

A Chance Observation That Gave God-  
frey a Great Idea.

The element of chance plays an im-  
portant role in invention and in no  
case is this more strikingly illustrated  
than in that of Thomas Godfrey, the  
American who improved upon the  
quadrant, or rather, devised the sex-  
tant, the basic notion for which he  
got his name, the reflection of the sun  
from a part of a circle.

Godfrey was a glazier by trade, but  
he had a taste for mathematics and  
was a maker of some culture.  
John Hadley had also invented a  
sextant, apparently a development of  
a surveyor's of Newton's, found among  
his papers at his death. Godfrey ac-  
tually invented Hadley's about one year  
but for a long time his claims were  
not recognized. Hadley receiving the  
entire credit.

The glazier thus received his inspira-  
tion for the instrument that was to  
prove of such value to mariners. One  
day, while replacing a pane of glass  
in a window of a house in Philadel-  
phia opposite a pump, he saw a girl,  
after filling her pail, put it upon the  
sidewalk. The observant glazier saw  
the sun reflected from the window on  
which he had been at work into the  
bucket of water. His mind quickly  
perceived the significance of the situa-  
tion, and he was thus led to the design  
of an instrument "for drawing the sun  
down to the horizon," a device incom-  
parably superior to any that had  
hitherto been used for the ascertain-  
ment of angular measurements.—  
Harper's Weekly.

Bruin Was Fishing.

I was walking up the river shore  
one evening about sunset watching  
for a deer. Rounding a bend, I saw  
perched upon a flat rock some few feet  
from shore a large black bear. I could  
not tell at first what he was doing.  
He was stooping down, with one paw  
in the water, waiting gently to and  
fro. I watched closely and saw, just  
beyond his reach, a large male salmon  
so nearly dead that he could not swim.  
The bear was using his paw to create  
an eddy which would draw the fish  
within his grasp. Slowly the salmon  
drifted toward the rock. It was amus-  
ing to watch how carefully the bear  
moved his paw, so as not to frighten  
his prey. At last the fish came within  
reach. Bruin reached over, gave it a  
quick slap, seized it in his jaws and  
leaped ashore. The whole perform-  
ance took me so that I let him go  
off, the salmon dangling in his mouth,  
without taking a shot at him.—  
Charles F. Smith, Moose in Outing.

Red Bridal Gowns.

It is of interest to note that the  
choice of white for wedding gowns is  
comparatively of modern origin. The  
Roman brides wore yellow, and in most  
eastern countries pink is the bridal  
color. During the middle ages and in  
the renaissance period brides wore  
crimson to the exclusion of all other  
colors. Most of the Plantagenet and  
Tudor queens were married in that  
vivid hue, which is still popular in  
parts of Brittany, where the bride is  
usually dressed in crimson brocade. It  
was Mary Stuart who first changed the  
color of the bridal garments. At her  
marriage with Francis II. of France in  
1558, which took place not before the  
altar, but before the great doors of  
Notre Dame, she was gowned in white  
brocade, with a train of pale blue Per-  
sian velvet six yards in length. This  
innovation caused a great stir in the  
fashionable world of that time. It was  
not, however, until quite the end of the  
seventeenth century that pure white,  
the color worn by royal widows, be-  
came popular for bridal garments.

## Read the Mail

## Start the New Year Right

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New Year is a good time  
to start a savings ac-  
count. Make up your  
mind to save a part of  
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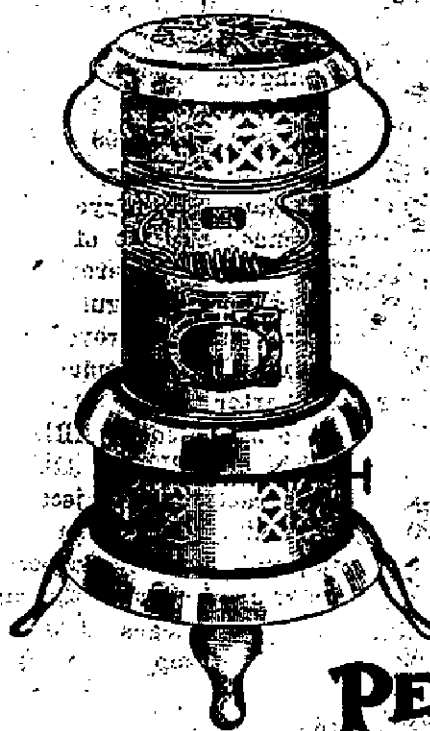
in itself with its headaches, sour stomach, unpleasant breath and nervous depression—but nervousness brings a bad train of worse ills if it is not soon corrected. But if you will clear your system of poisonous bile you will be rid of present troubles and be secure against others which may be worse.

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## READ THE MAIL

## AMONG THE THEATRES

### THE COYLE-CHARLEROI

Although Christmas week is acknowledged to be a slack week in amusement circles, the Coyle Theatre has made a phenomenal record this week. Monday night the program included "Romance and Reality," a Nestor, "No Greater Love," an Imp and "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lamon," an Eclair. The latter was a beautifully illustrated story of a woman separated from her people and the dear visions she had of beloved Scotland. In Tuesday's program was an absorbing Bison thriller in two reels, "Big Rock's Last Stand." Christmas day was a big day for the Coyle, with a double program. "The Power of the Cross," "The Silent Call," "Energetic Members of the S. P. S. A." and "Through Shadowed Vales," in the afternoon, and "Hunting Game in a Large City," in the evening. The latter was a thrilling criminal and underworld of a great city. Thursday was the delightful classic, "Paul and Virginia," with other strong films to fill in. The balance of the week is replete with Universal, Nestor, Victor, Powers, Bison and Imp films. In Saturday's bill is a strong Bison film, "The Rights of a Savage," which is replete with real western life and all its excitement.

### THE PALACE-CHARLEROI

Christmas week has been a banner week at the Palace Theatre and Christmas day, both at the matinee and night shows brought large crowds and capacity houses. "Evil Influences" was a special three reel feature which made a striking Christmas program. As the name suggests, it taught a moral lesson by showing the evil influences of bad company. Some of the strong dramas of the week were "The Castaway," a Melies film which was the story of a jealous foster son who sets the daughter of his parents adrift in a boat in order that he might become the heir of the estate. Like all good romances, the castaway eventually returns to claim her own inheritance. "A Christmas Accident" tells a pretty Christmas story most appropriate for the season, while "Kitty and the Bandits" and "When Love Leads" two Lubin films, were strong dramas. The first was a thrilling western story where the heroine rides to the rescue of her beleaguered lover, and the latter was a strange story of a reunion after year of separation. A strong bill is on for the balance of the week.

### THE STAR-CHARLEROI

Christmas week at the Star Theatre brought big crowds, contrary to the general expectation that shopping would cut down business at this season. Many out of town patrons found the Star a delightful rest place where first class entertainment was also provided. "God's Unfortunate" was one of the strong films, where a beautiful sentiment was shown of a girl who started in life wrongly and makes a noble effort to retrieve an unfortunate past. "Man's Failing" was a picture that shows the fallacy of parents selecting a career for their children without consulting the tastes and inclinations of the child. "Belinda and the Newlyweds" show the humorous experiences of a newly married couple and "The Emperor's Message" was one of the great Napoleon's experiences in his stirring military career. "Just Hats" was a comedy in which the illimitable "Billy" has adventures galore with "silly pieces" beginning with the "id" of his sister's beau. A strong and varied Christmas program delighted the large audiences of Star patrons both afternoon and evening.

### THE GRAND-PITTSBURG

The canine phenomenon of the century will be in Pittsburgh next week. This is Don, the talking dog. Don has been the sensation of the past three months in New York as he was for a year previously the sensation of staid Berlin. He gets \$1,000 a week for intelligently and understandingly speaking about eight known words in the German language. If you go to the Grand New Year's week, beginning next Monday afternoon, December 30, you will be convinced that this German hunting dog is actually speaking the language of the fatherland. His vocabulary includes "unger," the German equivalent for hunger; "ruhe," which means rest or silence; "kuchen," which is cake; "nein," the German negative; "haben," which is have in German; "ja," the Teutonic yes, and "ruble," the Russian unit for money. He accentuates every syllable sharply and speaks as distinctly as most any German friends you have. He is the property of Martha Haberland, a German frau who puts him through his paces upon the stage, while Loney Hascal, the inimitable monologist and musical comedy comedian, personally conducts Don's tour and introduces

him to his audiences. Don is eight years old, brown in color and has a fine intelligent head. Paul Morton of the Four Mortons, musical comedy stars and vaudeville favorites, will appear with dainty Noama Glass in a capital singing and talking skit of the musical comedy variety entitled, "My Lady of the Bungalow." Walter S. (Rube) Dickinson, the most successful new act in vaudeville this year, will appear for the first time in Pittsburgh in his own original characterization called "The Ex-Justice of the Peace."

The Besson Players will enact John Stokes' merry comedietta entitled "Between Trains." Two comedy comedians are Muriel and Frances, who will give a specialty of sweet songs and amusing patter. John Higgins, the world's champion jumper who has defeated the Olympian champions in hop, skip and jumps, will make his debut here with the most unusual performance. There will be divers other attractions of the best sort and some Kinemacolor motion pictures which epitomize the wondrous colors of nature and the greatest achievements of the motion camera.

### THE ALVIN-PITTSBURG

On Monday evening, December 30, "The Passing Show of 1912," with the entire New York Winter Garden Cast and production will begin a week's engagement at the Alvin Theatre. "The Passing Show of 1912" is an attempt to graphically present a revue of the comic aspects of many important events, political, theatrical and otherwise. The revenue, patterned after the Parisian idea of a kaleidoscopic almanac is into acts and seven scenes. One song with a chorus of 60 or 70 girls is succeeded by another utilizing the services of an additional set of choisters, show girls and ponies. Quickly the scene shifts and the audience is given a glimpse of an Oriental Harem in which a splendid travesty on "Kismet" is produced with 16 diving girls. Incidental is the startling and weird Oriental dance entitled "The Spark of Life." Other burlesque introduced rapidly are travesties on "Bought and Paid For," "Bunt Pulls the Strings," "A Butterfly on the Wheel," "The Typhoon," "The Quaker Girl," "The Pirates of Penzance" and "Oliver Twist," yet all are so amusing that they can be enjoyed even by those who have not seen the originals. In the cast are Trixie Farganza, Adelaide and Hughes, Charles J. Ross, Eugene and Willis Howard, Texas Guinan, Louis Brunelle, Albert Howson, Moon and Harris and a company of 150.

## A BIG SENSATION

### THE UNDERWORLD SECRETS MADE PUBLIC.

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Jack Rose knows what he writes about as Morgan knows banking or as Edison knows electricity.

The series of articles have been bought at a tremendous price by The Pittsburgh Dispatch and will be published in the Sunday issue, beginning Sunday, December 29. The demand for the Sunday Dispatch, which will publish the articles exclusively in this territory, will be enormous and arrangements should be made with newsdealers without delay for the papers containing this series. Remember, the first of the series will be printed in next Sunday's issue of The Pittsburgh Dispatch, (Sunday December 29.)

To boil water would seem to be a very simple thing, and yet the late Charles DeMoulin used to say that very few people knew how to do it. "The secret is," he said, "in putting good fresh water into a clean kettle already quite warm and setting the water to boiling quickly and then taking it right off for use in tea, coffee or other drinks before it is spoiled. To let it steam and simmer and evaporate until the good water is in the atmosphere and the lime and iron and dregs only left in the kettle is what makes a great many people sick, and it is worse than no water at all." For water boiled like this and flavored with a few drops of lemon juice Mr. DeMoulin used to charge as much as for his best liquor, and he often recommended it to his customers and friends who complained of loss of appetite.

### A Bold but Unprofitable Retort.

"I passed that woman in the second floor apartment downtown this afternoon with a wonderful new French hat on, and she had her chin up so high in the air she couldn't see any one she knew," said Mrs. Knox, with a tinge of resentment in her voice, as she began to pave the way to inform her husband that her own old awning was looking disgracefully shabby and ready for the church rummage sale.

"That's nothing," retorted Mr. Knox boldly. "When a woman gets a new Paris hat it generally goes to her head."

Then he suddenly remembered that he had an engagement and decided this was as good a time as any to keep it.—Kansas City Star.

### Didn't Sound Right.

"Ma, what does d d stand for?" "Doctor of divinity, my dear. Don't they teach you the common abbreviations in school?"

"Oh, yes, but that doesn't seem to sound right here."

"Read it out loud, my dear." "My Dear (reading)—'Witness—I heard the defendant say, 'I'll make you suffer for this; I'll be doctor of divinity if I don't.'—Milwaukee Sentinel.

### His Kind Heart.

Squire Flourbottle—For a married man you seem to have a lot of time to loaf around the depot and stores. Next Neversweet—You see, squire, I'm so soft hearted it breaks me all up to sit around the house and watch my wife work so hard.—Washington Times

### Genuine Economy.

Husband—We must begin to economize. Wife—Yes; I began today by cutting all your cigars lengthwise, so that they will last you twice as long.—Satire

### A False Alarm.

Over the telephone a worried voice addressed the proprietor of a small hardware store in a west Kentucky town. "Sny," the speaker began. "I come in your place today and bought one of them dollar alarm clocks, and you set her for me to go off at 5 o'clock in the mornin'. D're remember?" "Yes," said the hardware man. "I remember."

"Well," went on the other, "I've just found out that I don't have to git up at 5 o'clock in the mornin'." "Glad to hear it," said the hardware man, "but what do you want me to do about it?" "I want you," said the customer, "to tell me how to unalarm this clock."—Saturday Evening Post.

## ABRIDGED QUARTERLY STATEMENT of the Charleroi Progressive Co-Operative Association Charleroi, Pa. for quarter ending Oct. 5, 1912

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Mdse. as per inventory	\$7,807.99	Capital, Permanent and	
Fixtures	3,256.82	Ordinary Stock	\$8,208.54
Stock in other Co's	760.60	Reserve or Surplus	
Insurance premiums	76.79	Fund	2,207.78
Cash items	1,226.04	Rochdale Benefit Fund	548.57
Cash on hand Oct. 5 '12	294.63	Amount payable	2,217.18
Cash in bank Oct. 5, '12	1,420.56	Rent	70.00
		Loans	704.60
		Directors' Salary	37.50
		Wages	290.12
			\$14,234.29
		Net profit	559.14
			\$14,843.43

DIVISION OF SURPLUS	
2 1/2 per cent for reduction of value on fixtures	\$ 81.44
6 per cent a year on paid up stock (for 3 months)	92.69
3 per cent dividend on groceries purchased by members	276.74
3 per cent dividend on employees' wages	48.99
5 per cent dividend on dry goods and shoes purchased by members	13.52
1 1/2 per cent dividend on non-members' purchases	6.41
5 per cent of net profit to Education Fund	27.96
	\$542.66
To be carried to Reserve Fund	16.49
	\$559.15

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### A Wonderful Moss.

One of the most wonderful specimens of vegetable life known to the botanist is the "life moss" of Jamaica, Barbados and other of the West Indian islands. There are several species of tropical plants which have remarkable tenacity of life, but the "life moss" and the story of its vitality are almost beyond belief. Its powers to live under adverse circumstances being certainly beyond that of any other known plant. It appears to be absolutely indestructible by any means except by immersion in boiling water or the application of a red-hot iron to its roots and branching vines. It may be cut up and divided into infinitesimal particles; and then the very smallest shred will throw out roots and soon grow and form new branches and buds. Specimens of this extraordinary plant have been suspended in the air in a dry, hot room; they have been placed in close, air-tight dark boxes, without moisture of any sort, and yet they lived, grew and flourished.

### A Sundial That "Struck."

Paris is said to possess more sundials than any other city in the world. In the eighteenth century the sundial was popular in Paris. Every day at noon the sundial of the Palais Royal was the center of interest of an eager crowd. A writer tells of a "great crowd in the corner of the Palais Royal garden, standing motionless, with their noses in the air." Each was waiting for noon, having his watch in hand, ready to set at 12 o'clock. When the Duke of Orleans was altering the palace in 1782 the Parisians were much disturbed, thinking that they were to be deprived of their favorite sundial. But the duke not only preserved the sundial, but added to it a little powder magazine, which was so arranged that it exploded when the sunlight fell upon it, thus notifying every one who heard the explosion that the hour of noon had arrived. Later a cannon, which was discharged by the sun at noon, gave the signal.

### Information Not Needed.

A middle-aged woman went into a shop and without hesitation made straight for the crape counter. The girl who handled this funeral material was extremely affable. "We have a large stock of crapes," she explained. "Let me show you some new French goods, very popular at this time for every kind of mourning and designed to express every degree of grief. If you will tell me for whom you are in mourning I can fix you out in exactly the right thing." "Husband," replied the customer briefly. "In that case," said the girl graciously, "I can tell you just what." "Young lady," interrupted the older woman angrily, "you needn't bother yourself. This is the fourth husband I've buried, and I know all about it."—St. Paul Dispatch.

### The Colonial Shoemaker.

American supremacy in shoemaking is due largely to specialization. Abroad an operative does half a dozen different things. Here he performs one simple process, and here also one factory makes one kind of shoes. If a large manufacturer makes different kinds of shoes he has a separate factory for each kind. What a sight the modern shoe factory

would be to the primitive shoemaker of colonial days, who was an itinerant workman, carried his tools with him and stayed with each family long enough to make up the farmer's supply of home-tanned leather into shoes enough to last until his next annual visit. His last was roughly whittled out of a piece of wood to suit the largest foot in the family and then gaged down for the successive sizes. He sat on a low bench, one end of which was divided into compartments, where his awls, hammers, knives and rasps were kept, with his pots of paste and blacking, his nails, tawed, linges and buttons, "shoulder sticks" and "rub sticks."—New York Sun.

### O-dori Street, Tokyo.

One of the most densely peopled spots in the world is O-dori street, Tokyo. The long thoroughfare known as Ginza, which runs from near the Shimbashi railway station to Spec-tacles bridge, is made up of several streets with different names, some wide and modern, some old-fashioned and narrow, and if the earth were suddenly to give open wide in that portion known as O-dori street at any hour of the day there is no other thoroughfare in the Japanese city where the results to human life would be more fatal, for here the tide of human life runs the highest. But O-dori street is extremely narrow, so that the density of the crowd does not make the daily figures much above the 300,000 mark. Unlike most of the other important cities of the world, this thickly populated commercial district of Tokyo is situated outside the city walls.—Strand Magazine.

### The Boy's Mistake.

The teacher asked, "When did Moses live?" After the silence had become painful she ordered: "Open your Old Testaments. What does it say there?" A boy answered, "Moses, 4000 B. C." "Now," said the teacher, "why didn't you know when Moses lived?" "Well," replied the boy, "I thought 4000 B. C. was his telephone number."—Pearson's Weekly.

### The Other One.

"What is the meaning of 'alter ego'?" asked the teacher of the beginners' class in Latin. "The other I," said the boy with the curly hair. "Give a sentence containing the phrase." "He winked his alter ego."

### She Works at Home.

Hicks—I understand Mrs. Bias has learned how to keep her husband at home. Wicks—Nonsense! Bias is out with "the boys" nearly every night. Hicks—You misunderstand me. I mean the work she does at home keeps him. She's a dressmaker, you know.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Economy a la Mode.

"There's an economical girl for you!" "As to how?" "Eats a five-cent lunch every day." "Yes; she's trying to save \$30 to buy a new hat."—Pittsburgh Post.

The Sicilian tyrants never devised a greater punishment than saying, "Jo-vial."

### Equal to the Emergency.

Being equal to an emergency helps one out of plights into which the best of us sometimes fall. A certain actor came so belated to the theater one evening when he was to play Othello in the tragedy of that name that he forgot to blacken his hands and rushed on the stage with them white and his face sooty. Of course the audience giggled, and poor Othello, when he realized the cause of the mirth, was almost unable to proceed with his part and so deeply mortified that when he made his exit after his first scene he declared that he could not finish the performance, but a happy thought struck him. He procured a pair of fresh colored gloves, blackened his hands, put the gloves on and walked quietly on again. There was quite a little giggling as the Moor went on with his lines, but it entirely subsided as during a speech of one of the other characters the dusky lover carefully drew off his gloves, disclosing hands to match his face. Then those whose robes had been affected felt small and awkward.

### The End of His Rope.

"Charles," she said, "that's the worst I ever smelted in my life. Throw it away. I'm smothering." And she offered a little smile. "It cost 30 cents," he replied, carelessly. "The man said it took four cents three days to make it, and I'd hate to throw it away. I cost 10 cents." "Nevertheless," she said between her teeth, "if you don't throw it away it will kill me. It's terrible. You know I'm not from London, but just look at me!" And indeed he had never seen any one smile so fast or so hard. And he went right on smoking merrily. "It cost me 10 cents."

### A Queen Anne Mince Pie.

Take a large cow's tongue; parboil it; to three pounds of tongue take five pounds of beef suet, cut the tongue in thin slices and shred it, but shred the suet by itself; when they are both pretty fine put in the suet by degrees; keep shredding them both together till they are as fine almost as flour; then put in three pounds of currants, being first cleaned washed, picked and dried; cloves, mace, nutmeg, cinnamon, beat very fine, all together three-quarters of an ounce; half a pound of white sugar, a pound of dates stoned and shredded, three ounces of green citron, three ounces of candied orange cut into small bits, the yellow rind of two raw lemons grated, three spoonfuls of verjuice, a gill of malaga sack, half a gill of rosewater. These being well mingled, fill your pies; have a care they do not stand too long in the oven to dry after they are just enough.—From a Cookbook of 1705.

Are You in Arrears on your subscription? You know WE NEED THE MONEY

## Society and Personal

Mrs. Samuel Spencer and daughter Janet have returned to their home in Toronto, Ohio, after spending Christmas with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Copeland of Eighth street.

Miss Elizabeth Gouldin of Elizabeth is spending Christmas week with friends at the home of Mrs. Hannah Watkinson of Speers.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hurst of Fallowfield avenue, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, of Mountville, W. Va., were over Christmas visitors here with relatives.

Miss Wilda and Alfreda Painter, of Avalon, Miss Marie Seigel of Emsworth, Miss Myrtle Morris, of Wilkinsburg, and Neuman Lewis of Aspinwall are week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis McCook of Third Street.

Miss Lavina Schafer of Smock is here today visiting friends.

Councilman Frank Riva is spending the day in Pittsburgh on business.

## COURTED FORTY SEVEN YEARS; MARRIED NOW

A courtship lasting 47 years culminated Thursday in the wedding of Miss Kate Lanning, aged 62, of West Brownsville and Samuel Clay, aged 62, of California. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. R. Norman of the California Methodist Episcopal church at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Aubrey of West Brownsville.

The couple plighted their troth when 15 years of age, and had been sweethearts and constant companions ever since. Their reasons for not marrying sooner are not known.

The groom is a prosperous farmer of near California and took his bride to his comfortable home at that place. An attempt to keep their marriage from their friends failed and the aged, but happy blushing couple were tendered a rousing serenade before leaving the Aubrey residence.

## MONEY A NATION'S SYMBOL.

Its Appearance Reflects the Character of Its People. The form taken by money in each country is a curiously accurate indication of the character and tastes of the inhabitants thereof, writes James Davenport Whelpley in the Century. The stately English banknote of splendid workmanship and uncompromising severity, the German note with its rude proportions and florid style of finish, the American certificate of most convenient size, perfect workmanship, crispness of design and with the glint of the metal it stands for; the slovenly Italian paper money, dirty, carelessly cut and to be carefully inspected before it is accepted as genuine, and then the beads and shells of the savage.

There is no better illustration of this reflective character than the money of France. Carefully adjusted in size to fit the wallet carried by every careful Frenchman—and all Frenchmen are careful of money—fine of texture, artistic in design and light and delicate in coloring, it possesses a fineness beside which the money of other nations looks cold and brutal. In the same way the French show fineness and subtlety in their manner of living, their loves and hates, their crimes, their politics, their fighting, and even in their trade and manufacturing. They have no real competitors in this.

## CURIOUS EPITAPHS.

Quaint inscriptions on Ancient Tombs in England.

A desperate attempt at an epitaph in the nonconformist Campo Santo in Bunhill fields, where Bunyan, Defoe the Cromwells and Mrs. Wesley lie buried, is found on the tomb of Lady Page, a person who seems to have suffered terribly from what we call drowsy, but which might have had another name in those days:

Here lies Dame Mary Page, Relict of Sir Gregory Page (Bart.) She departed this life March 11, 1728, in the 56th year of her age.

In 67 months she was tapped 66 times. Had taken away 20 gallons of water Without ever repining at her case Or ever fearing the operation.

A more successful attempt is that found on the tomb of Varasor Powell, who seems to have suffered eleven years' imprisonment for preaching the gospel. He was known as the "White field of Wales":

In vain oppressors do themselves perplex To find out arts how they the saints may vex. Death spoils their plots and sets the oppressed free: Thus Varasor obtained true liberty. Christ him released, and now he's joined among The martyred souls, with whom he cries "How long?"

—Chambers' Journal.

On Tour.

The Actor—What is poetry of motion? The Poet—The kind that's at ways going from editor to editor.—Woman's Home Companion.

## A DETECTIVE STORY.

One They Tell in London on Two American Police Officials.

As an illustration of the good nature of Frank Frost, who used to be chief of Scotland Yard, they tell this story in London:

Many years ago two American detectives (named to be in London together, awaiting the extradition of criminals who had been arrested in England for offenses committed in the United States. The Hotel Victoria was then American headquarters in London, and one evening the two Hawks, who had had a convivial day, fell asleep side by side on a divan in the big smoking room of the hotel. An American humorist found a pair of handcuffs in the office of the manager of the hotel and proceeded to shackle the pair together. When for two or three hours they slumbered peacefully while the guests of the hotel, American and English, including the ladies, came to gaze upon the scene.

When the detectives finally awakened about 1 o'clock in the morning it was impossible to find a key to the handcuffs and hence impossible to liberate them. They would not bear of sending to a police station for assistance lest the story of their ridiculous plight get out, but they had confidence that Frost, who was then a plain detective inspector, would not betray them. A messenger to Scotland Yard, near by, learned that Frost had gone home long before, but got his address several miles away in the suburbs. An American newspaper man who knew Frost reached his home by cab after 2 o'clock in the morning. He was awakened from slumber and without protest came all the way to the Victoria and released his fellow craftsmen.—New York Sun.

## RAZORS IN CHINA.

They Cost Little, but They Are Made From Old Iron Horseshoes.

An interesting feature of Chinese industry is the making of knives and razors from old horseshoes. The local blacksmiths in the interior cities and towns supply the great population of the empire with knives, razors and scissors of an inferior quality at a very small cost. This cutlery comes from small shops, where only one or two men are employed, usually the proprietor and his sons, and is chiefly made from old horseshoes imported from England and the continent. A discarded steel shoe offers the best material for blades, but the blacksmiths prefer the old shoes of soft iron that come from Glasgow and Hamburg.

One British firm at Tientsin brought over a cargo of old horseshoes from Australia recently, but could not dispose of them, as the native smiths said that the iron was too hard. They like the soft iron because it can be more easily worked by their primitive methods.

A razor commonly used by the poorer class, having a cutting edge of less than two inches, costs 20 tung tuns, about 9 cents in American currency. Upon the strip the blade takes a fair cutting edge, but is too soft to hold it. Any number of stroppings are necessary before the act of shaving can be completed. After the blades are forged they are simply case hardened and not subjected to the careful tempering employed in the production of western cutlery.—Youth's Companion.

## Speed of a Hare.

Some motorists in the Belfast North-ern Whig tell a very interesting story that illustrates how fast a hare can run. At a certain part of the tour the way ran straight for about two miles with banks and hedges on either side. Just about the beginning of this stretch a hare started out from the side and dashed along in front, right in the center of the road. Its ears were laid back, but every few seconds it raised first one ear, and then the other, evidently to hear if the great riding enemy was coming too near. The speed of the motor was increased until it reached twenty-six or twenty-seven miles an hour. If increased further it would have run down the hare. The race continued for almost a mile and a half. At last an open gate into a field appeared, and through this the animal dashed. The motor was slowed down, and from the slope of the road the men could see the hare running at full speed right across the large field. Evidently it had not been fired by its mighty efforts to keep ahead of the automobile.

## Hospital Wirelass.

"A very efficient system of wireless telegraphy exists in every hospital," said the nurse. "Apparently all patients have the knack of transmitting messages; otherwise the news of serious cases would not travel so quickly and accurately from ward to ward. It is contrary to the rules for hospital attendants to retail gossip, and most of them observe strict secrecy, yet notwithstanding that precaution there is never an interesting case in the building whose history is not known and discussed in the remotest corner."

"Last week a boy suffering with a peculiar kind of throat trouble was brought into a first floor ward. The doctors were very much interested in the case, yet they took special pains never to mention it in the hearing of another patient. But for all the good their caution did they might as well have lectured on the case in every ward, for when the boy died men and women all about the hospital said to the nurses: 'So that poor boy died, did he? I suppose there wasn't much hope for him from the start.'"

"How did the news travel?"

## COKE COMPANY GIVES TREAT TO CHILDREN.

Thousands of youngsters about the coke plants of the Connellsville region were made happy Christmas day through the medium of the Union Supply Company which, through General Superintendent John Lynch and his assistants, distributed more than 50,000 packages of candy. Santa Claus appeared at all the 68 stores in Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. Not only were the youngsters taken care of but the poor and needy were also remembered in a suitable way.

## CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County at Washington, Pennsylvania, on Monday, January 13th, 1913, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., by Kerfoot W. Daly, George S. Might, W. R. Gaut, C. O. Frye and J. W. Carroll, under the act of assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874 and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called CHARLEROI-MON-ESSEN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, the character and object of which is "the maintenance of a general hospital, and for these purposes to have, possess, and enjoy all the rights, benefits, and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto.

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LOST—In Charleroi Monday small red pocket book containing four valuable rings and the owner's name cards. On pocketbook is stamped, "National Deposit Bank, Brownsville, Pa." Return to Bank of Charleroi and receive reward. 130-13p

LOST—Lady's purse, on Fifth street. Finder please return to Mrs. C. O. Frye, 401 Crest avenue.

LOST—Locket. Initials C. V. W. on one side. Finder please return to Mail office. 13212

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## NEWSPAPER WORKING FOR REFORM THREATENED WITH DYNAMITING

**Monessen Independent  
Editor Receives Letter  
Cautioning Him to  
"Go Slow"**

### CALL FOR CLEAN-UP

**Publication Endeavoring to  
Have Alleged Gambling  
Houses and Places of Ill  
Fame Banished**

Because of his recent activity in having the borough of Monessen and vicinity cleared of gamblers and disorderly houses, Harry R. Pore, editor of the Monessen Independent has received a letter containing a threat to blow up his newspaper plant. The writer of the letter, according to Mr. Pore starts out by calling names, asking him what difference it makes to him whether 25 or more disorderly houses exist in the town, alleging that he is sore because he does not share in the profits. He has placed the letter in the hands of postal authorities.

"What will happen to you if two or three sticks of dynamite are thrown in on you some night and you will be blown into hell where you belong?" is asked in the letter. With a few more such words and vilification the writer ends by saying that Editor Pore is trying to "put a girl" from making an honest living, and ends with "yours for blood," with some black hand marks.

Editor Pore has directed the fight against houses of ill fame and alleged gambling joints with all the vim of his makeup, and the letter indicates the sensation that he has created.

Six members of the State Constabulary were in Monessen Thursday night, intending to make a raid. The word got out, however, and the places were practically all closed up.

## LIVE COAL ROLLS FROM GRATE FIRE; FIREMEN CALLED

A live coal dropping from a grate onto the floor at the home of Herman Hotz, at 211 Fallowfield avenue Thursday evening at 6 o'clock almost resulted in a serious fire. Both Mr. Hotz and his wife were down town at this time. The fire was noticed in its first stages by a neighbor who turned in the alarm. The firemen put it out with a bucket of water. A hole was burned in the floor, but that was about the entire damage. The building where the fire occurred is owned by Isaac Allman.

**Notice to Tax Payers.**  
The last month for 1912 borough taxes at face. Beginning January 1, 1913 five per cent will be added to all unpaid 1912 borough taxes.  
J. W. Mathias,  
Collector.  
129-46

**Dancing at Donora.**  
New Year's afternoon and night at Donora, Pa. Afternoon at 2:30. Night, 8:30.  
131-45

## SENDS STATE SONG FOR USE IN SCHOOLS

**Gov. Tener Donates Two Thousand Copies of  
"Pennsylvania" to Charleroi Educational Institutions.**

Two thousand copies of the song, "Pennsylvania," or enough for every pupil in regular attendance in the Charleroi schools and for every teacher, have been received by R. H. Rush, cashier of the First National Bank, from Gov. J. K. Tener, with instructions to distribute them among the school pupils. The songs will be turned over to Superintendent T. L. Pollock, who in turn will probably place them in the care of Prof. L. T. Daniel, supervisor of music in the schools.

The song "Pennsylvania" has been adopted as the song of the Keystone State. Words are by John E. Barrett and the music by Frederick Richard Benjamin. It is dedicated to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It was first sung by a chorus of 500 school children at the State capital on October 4, 1911.

On the front page of the edition sent by Gov. Tener is a neat design in the form of a Keystone. The first verse is:

Pennsylvania for the glory,  
Of thy deeds in bygone days,  
And the splendor of thy glory,  
Joyously we sing thy praise;  
When the People's Declaration  
Thundered forth the great decree  
That proclaimed our land in Thee.  
Freedom found a friend in Thee.  
The music to the song, written in  
march time, is appealing, containing  
a vibrant melody, that while simple  
and easy is stirring. Evidences are  
that the song will attain instant and  
unprecedented popularity with the  
school children, and in their minds  
rank only second to that almost divine  
national melody, "The Star  
Spangled Banner."

## FORMER ROSCOE MAN ON DEER HUNT IN FAR WEST TELLS OF TRIP

In a letter to his sister, Mrs. T. R. Eagye of Charleroi, W. S. Sphar, formerly of Roscoe, writes an interesting account from Council, Idaho, of a recent hunting trip he took in that section. He says:

"Frank, Bill Cooper and I returned from our hunt last Saturday. We had a fine trip and lots of game. Went from here to a ranch on Little Salmon river about 30 miles from Meadows. Left the hack there and packed the horses with our camping outfit. Went about 12 miles by trail in Seven Devils mountains and camp-

ed in a big cabin. We hunted about two days and a half and got two deer each, three bucks and three does. Got all six deer at the ranch and expect to live high this winter.

"I had 21 shots at deer with the 30-80 to get mine and the other fellows had the same number of shots. It took six pack horses to pack the deer from the camp across the mountains to where we left the hack. We had fine weather while we were there no snow to amount to anything except around Meadows, where it was about six inches deep."

## CHARLEROI GIRL BECOMES BRIDE OF ALLENPORT MAN

Miss Nellie Dagnall of Charleroi, and Albert McFeeley, of Allenport, were married in Pittsburg on Tuesday. Almost unknown to their most intimate friends they left early in the morning for that point, later returning with the news that they had been wedded. Their ride formerly was employed in one of the 5 and 10 cent stores here. The groom was employed at the Monessen freight office. Mr. and Mrs. McFeeley will live in Charleroi.

**Notice**  
Riggs and Stech, the most up-to-date Shoe Store in the valley will give to each and every new born baby a pair of soft sole shoes. Call at our store and make your selection, 118-4f

**New Years Eve Dance.**  
Dance the old year out and the New Year in at Night's Auditorium, Charleroi. Dancing 8:30. Wheeler's orchestra.  
131-45

## LAMP EXPLOSION CAUSE OF SMALL MONESSEN BLAZE

Harry McElfresh, living on the hill at Monessen forgot to turn out the oil lamp before going to bed last night, and the lamp exploded. A blaze was caused that destroyed for him a \$52 suit of new clothes and damaged his house to the extent of about \$400. McElfresh was keeping "batch" for a few days while his wife and family were away.

## WELL KNOWN COUPLE WED AT FAYETTE CITY

The marriage of Miss Pauline Keota Hackett, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. George Stuart Hackett of Fayette City and Dr. George B. Hansel was solemnized Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of about 40 guests.

The father of the bride officiated, assisted by the Rev. John T. Hackett of Charleroi. The bride, who was given away by her brother, George Stuart Hackett, Jr., of New York, wore white brocaded satin, draped with white satin chapeuse and shadow lace, and carried a shower bouquet of valley lilies and white roses tied with white chiffon. Her tulle veil was arranged in cap effect caught with valley lilies.

Miss Ruth Doane Mellon of Ann Arbor, Mich., was maid of honor and Dr. Clyde Ramsey Huston of Fayette City best man. The Rev. and Mrs. Hackett and Mr. and Mrs. Chichester Moreland Hackett of Mt. Vernon, O., were guests of honor.

## PARCELS POST MAP ARRIVES

**Final Preparations Being  
Made for Starting  
System**

### ZONES ARE DESIGNATED

Parcels post equipment in the shape of a map and a guide, both of which are prime essentials in the conduct of the service to be instituted over the United States the first of January have been received at the local post office. Also an appropriation has been announced for the local post office amounting to \$50 to start the parcels post here. Monongahela likewise has received \$50 with a promise of as much more as is needed. It has a rural delivery route, something that Charleroi has not.

On the new parcels post map the zones and areas of unit for determining the postage are clearly shown. Red circular lines mark the boundaries of the eight zones of distance on which the several postage rates are based. Units are squares by the use of which it is possible to determine the rates.

All units are numbered and all boundaries are similarly designated. For instance Charleroi is within the unit 1818, which includes parts of Washington, Westmoreland, Allegheny, Fayette and a very small portion of Greene county. However this unit does not designate the first zone which is within a 50-mile limit. It only helps to designate it.

Charleroi is in boundary No. 1. This boundary takes in several units, and this is regarded as the first zone of which there is technically speaking a 50-mile limit.

## TO WAGE BATTLE FOR LAW

**Labor to Assist in Fight  
for Inspection of  
Measures**

### MUCH DATA SECURED

Compulsory inspection of weights and measures will be asked of the next legislature by labor and other organizations and a determined fight made to obtain it, early in the session. Men identified with the State Federation of Labor have obtained data as to the results of inspection in Allegheny, Berks, Luzerne, Washington and other counties and in various cities and will present it in support of the bill. The State Bureau of Standards, which gives the standards on all weights, will also have some bills relative to inspection, one of which will be for all sealers of cities and counties to file reports of their work with the State bureau. Lancaster will probably be the next city to establish inspection.

**Returns From Virginia.**  
Rev. W. B. Crawford, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist church has returned from a two weeks' tour in West Virginia. He conducted evangelistic services at Tyr, Connell, W. Va., Clarksburg and Grafton. Rev. Crawford is to make a report Sunday evening to his congregation of his work.

Assemblyman William Feeney left for Pennsylvania this morning to attend the funeral of an aunt.

Tonight the Bachelors Girls' club of Charleroi is to hold a dance and a number of out-of-town visitors will be here.

## FIRE CHIEFS GIVEN THE POWER TO ENFORCE LAW

**Significance of New Statute Just Being Realized—  
Necessary That All Fires be Reported  
With Their Cause**

### INSPECTION FOR PROTECTION URGED

By a new law being enforced in Pennsylvania, the significance of which is just beginning to be appreciated, infinitely better fire protection is accomplished in towns and cities, with the fire chiefs as assistants to the State Fire Marshal in the enforcement. Joseph L. Baldwin, State Fire Marshal has numbered J. M. Fleming, the chief of the Charleroi Fire Department as one of his assistants, and has sent him copies of the law governing his work. A blank has to be made out within ten days after every fire, telling how the fire occurred, the kind of structure and all other pertinent information regarding it. "Carelessness" is not accepted as a cause of fire, the specific cause having to be given.

One of the chief provisions in the new law, which was signed in June by Gov. Tener provides for the investigation of fires. Not only is the chief

of the fire department given power to inspect buildings and to investigate causes after fires, but he is also empowered to inspect buildings where there is claimed to be a particular lack of fire protection. The chief is given the authority where a building is especially liable to fire, to order such repairs as are deemed necessary. A penalty is provided for neglect to follow the instructions of the fire chief. Common sense is a feature, and no repairs of changes can be demanded which are not reasonably practical.

A fire chief has the right if he has been named as an assistant to the State Marshal to summon such witnesses as he deems necessary to ascertain the cause of a fire. Refusal to pay attention to such summons is regarded as contempt of court. Inspections of buildings may be made by the fire marshal or any of his assistants at any reasonable hours.

## DAY'S SEARCH IN SHOOTING MYSTERY REVEALS NOTHING

County Detective William McCleary, Detective Hiltop and Coroner James T. Heffran spent a part of Thursday in California making investigations into the shooting of James Cicero and Frank Genoa there Christmas morning. There is little clue upon which to work towards a solution of the mystery. Charles Darben in whose home the shooting occurred, is missing to-

gether with his wife and others. It is now stated that Darben did not leave California early Monday morning but that his wife went away on the early train.

Coroner James T. Heffran has empaneled the following jury to sit in the inquest into Cicero's death: Kirk Richardson, C. L. Hudson, William Jones, Richard Hawthorne, Frank Baker and Charles Winfield.

## COKE WORKERS PROFIT BY A WAGE ADVANCE

The coke interests of the H. C. Frick company in the Connellsville field, which is a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation, will share it is stated, in the contemplated raise in wages by that concern. The statement was given out by Judge Gary that a raise in wages would soon be made which was designed to benefit the common laborers and unskilled workers. It is expected that about 80,000 will be affected by the raise.

**Lecture.**  
A lecture to be given by the Slovaks, you are hereby cordially invited to hear. Hon. Dr. Paul Blaho's interesting lecture concerning the economic conditions, ladies 25 cents, commencing in their country, to be held at Turner Hall corner Seventh street and McKean avenue, Charleroi, Pa., December 30, 1912. At the end of the lecture a dance will be held. All are welcome. Admission, Gents, 50 cents, ladies 25 cents, commencing at 7 o'clock p. m.  
Committee. 132-42

## RECEPTION TO BE HELD IN HONOR OF 102 NEW MEMBERS

A program for the annual congregational meeting and reception to new members to be held at the First Christian church tonight has been outlined by Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor. The reception will be given especially for the 102 members who have been received into membership with the church since the first of the year when Rev. Duty assumed his pastorate. The program will include reports of the various organizations of the church, such as the Bible school, the Woman's Missionary society, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Christian Endeavor Society, the church treasurer, and the pastor. J. L. Shannon is to be the chairman at the business session. Vocal solos, according to the program are to be rendered by Miss Isabel Wilson, Miss Isabella Dorbritz, Miss Georgene Parsons, and Warren Kinder. Instrumental selections are to be rendered by Misses May and Ethel Barth and Robert McGowan, and readings given by Misses Ester Wyatt and Mary Chester.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Bush, Cashier.

## A Habit That Soon Grows

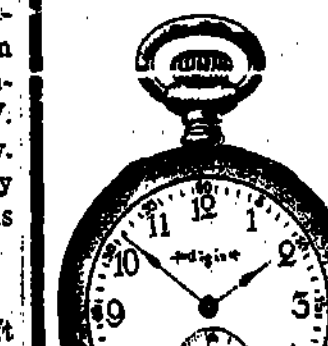


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### THE THREATENING STAGE

In the struggle for law, order and decency that is going on at Monessen the threatening stage has been reached. The Independent, which has started a crusade against the dives, gambling joints and speakeasies that are alleged to exist there, has been threatened with dynamiting in an anonymous letter received by the editor of that paper. The letter states that it is none of the editor's business how many houses of prostitution exist in the town, or how much gambling is done, as he does not have to participate personally in any of them. As a postscript the letter adds that both the editor and his plant are likely to be dynamited if he doesn't "mind his own business."

What Monessen needs is an organization of good citizens who will work together for the purpose of stamping out these evils. All that is necessary is for a few determined men to stand together and the people will support them, when they see that the former mean business. The rowdy and vicious element is in every case in a very small minority, but through various machination they make the majority think they are a mighty force. As a matter of fact they are a very insignificant factor, as is always evidenced when a movement of the people takes place. Wherever vice, crime and a wide open condition exists, it is maintained solely on bluff.

It is to the credit of the editor of the Independent that the threats have only spurred him on to greater activity. He is right, and he will receive the support of the good people. When the enemy resorts to threats of personal violence, it is pretty conclusive evidence that it is on the run.

### LIKE THE DAYS OF YOUTH.

In the midst of the political and social upheavals that are constantly going on all around us, there are some who are not in accord with the movement for progress and who fondly delude themselves with the belief that the present movement is but a sporadic flurry; that the old order of affairs will return again and that the

state and municipal, once again as of yore. Such people are like the old emigres of France—the Bourbons—when the great Napoleon is quoted as saying, "they learned nothing and forgot nothing."

The old time order of politics is

like the days of our youth—gone never to return. Changing social and economic conditions are changing politics. The old free and easy buccaneer days, when the political bunch could take what it wanted at the expense of the public, are gone forever, and a new regime is being ushered in. Henceforth public officials will learn that they have a trust to perform instead of a snap, and that if they do not perform that trust they will be subject to recall. We have not yet got the recall in Pennsylvania, but we are going to have it, as will every other state in the union. From this time hence the people are going to run their own politics instead of delegating some one to run it for them. Whatever the people want they are going to have, and as nothing can prevent them having it, all elements and classes might as well unite and join in getting the best that is going.

### DIVIDED UP IN PACIFIC

A small boy and a small girl, cousins, who had rounded up from different sections to spend Christmas with their grandparents in Charleroi, when they met at the table for the first time after their arrival were seated side by side. At each of their places was a glass of milk. As soon as they were seated the boy lifted his glass to his cousin, who did the same, and the two solemnly clinked glasses, bowed to one another and each drank to the health of the other.

"Where in the world did you kids ever see anything like that?" exclaimed their aunt, who was somewhat amazed at the worldly wisdom of the two juveniles.

"At the moving picture show!" they both chorused.

"We do not employ many boys at our plant," said a prominent industrial superintendent of the valley a few days ago, "but when we do I prefer country boys to those born and bred in the cities and towns, and the lad from the farm always gets the preference from me when applying for a job. I always question an applicant as to where he was born and bred and whether or not he ever lived in the country."

"Why do I make this distinction?" Simply because the country boy knows something about work. Almost as soon as he is able to walk the country boy has duties and responsibilities thrust upon him. He has chores to do, wood and water to carry, chickens and pigs to feed, and cows to drive to and from the pasture. By the time a country boy is old enough to get an employment certificate in their state, he has a good knowledge of the scheme of production. He knows that a dollar means so many bushels of potatoes or corn and how much labor it takes to produce the product that is turned into dollars. Everything he does he knows applies to the scheme of production, and that it is necessary to do that thing well if you realize what you should on your product.

"On the other hand the town bred boy of 14 hasn't the slightest idea of work or the scheme of production. The child labor law will not permit him to do any regular work at odd times and during vacation periods. A dollar to him means so many admissions to the picture show, or so many cigarettes, or so much spending money handed out by his parents. Not knowing the source of supply, he has no consideration for the producer of it. He never has had a chore to do at home, and consequently hasn't the slightest idea of responsibility."

"Put a boy like that at work in a factory, and it's like starting a seven-year-old kid to work. He doesn't see the need of being accurate, and the only thing that he has been trained in is how to spend his wages. He doesn't know why he is doing a particular thing, nor to what part of the whole his particular line of work belongs. Consequently he thinks he's being imposed on, watches his clock and does just as little as he possibly can."

"That's the difference between a boy bred on a farm or in the country and one bred in town. The boy who gets work sandwiched in with his education from the very start is the one who has a big handicap over the lad who is never taught to do anything until he reaches the factory age."

### Notice

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Personal mention—Mrs. Nancy Brown and Mr. Nancy Brown spent Christmas at Jackson's Cross Roads.

If these new fangled pulmotors come into general use for resuscitating dead persons, we can never feel real sure we are dead until we are safely planted. Even then they might take a notion to dig us out for the purpose of testing the machinery.

Christmas had any ordinary holiday beaten a mile for downright cussedness among the ungodly.

Turkey has announced that it is ready to resume war. Some folks never seem to know when to cry enough.

A Washington girl was injured at school by a transom falling on her head. That again emphasizes the danger of too much education.

When the Christmas presents get some Christmas presents? We'll die sometime and won't need them.

### Hobble Gowns in The Ark.

Mrs. Noah is debonair—  
Observe her painted smile—  
Her gowns and those her daughter wear  
Are strikingly in style.

—Harrisburg Telegraph.

While the reformers are in the reforming and regulating business why not have them create a reform and adopt new regulations for the observance of next Christmas.

So far as we know New Year's is the next holiday.

It seems strange that even a tragedy could be mysterious about California.

Even the operation of the most up-to-date machinery has its drawbacks, particularly when the gas engine fails.

### Franklin the Citizen

Franklin was particular about the way of doing business. He was particular about the way in which he made his money. When he first started his newspaper in Philadelphia his rival was Bradford, who, in addition to publishing a paper, was postmaster general of the colonies. Bradford used his authority as postmaster general to practically exclude Franklin's papers from the mail by forbidding the post-riders to carry them. Franklin shortly after succeeded Bradford as postmaster general. Here was the opportunity to build a monopoly and crush his old rival, but the thought never seems to have entered his head that the newspaper business of the colonies belonged to him. He says of Bradford in his attempt to crush Franklin's newspaper, "I thought so meanly of him for it that when I afterward came into his situation I took care never to imitate him."

### A War Bismarck Forgot.

The smallest of Europe's sovereign states, Liechtenstein, has a monarch and a parliament, but no taxes and no army. Its finances are provided by its Prince John II., who in return guarantees three of its fifteen members of parliament. At the time of the Austro-Prussian war the principality sided with Austria and mobilized an army of 100 of all ranks to share in the fighting. But Liechtenstein's army never smelled fire and Liechtenstein itself was quite overlooked in the peace negotiations at the end of the war. Fifteen years later Bismarck discovered that his country was still technically at war with this miniature state, and in strict accordance with the etiquette of such things pourparlers took place, and a formal treaty of peace was signed between the two countries.—Westminster Gazette.

### A Stone, Eaten.

The oddest diet in the world is stones. In an old volume of the Gentleman's Magazine is described the discovery of a stone-eater "in a northern inhabited island" by the crew of a Dutch ship. They brought him to France in May, 1760, where he was submitted to all kinds of scientific tests. It was proved that he thrived better on stones than on any other food, and his dinner usually consisted of large sized flints, with powdered marbles for dessert. He became a great attraction at fashionable gatherings, where he amused the guests by swallowing stones and afterward convincing them that there was no deception by making them rattle in his stomach.—London Chronicle.

### Mental Suggestion.

The elder Rothschild once proved the value of mental suggestion as regards money matters. Receiving by special courier the news of the result of a Napoleonic battle he went to a promenade in the Bois de Boulogne and stood against a post, the figure of a despair and discouragement.

"We are beaten and lost!" declared the people. And they dumped their stocks in the market, and the elder Rothschild, through his agents, bought their stocks up in a hurry before the news was received by the people that the battle had been a victory and not a disaster.

## WHAT IS DIRT?

How the Question Was Answered by a Professor of Chemistry.

An old college professor used to say to his students: "What is dirt? Don't you know? It is a little bit of young man. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty grease spot on your coat, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water and it disappears. It is neither grease, soap, water nor dirt."

"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements."

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread, and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk of feller's earth."

"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Once upon a time powder was made of biscuit—nothing but dirt!"—Exchange.

## MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried to the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original head stones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription:

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another:

"Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear.  
For Emily Church lies buried here.  
Mixed in some perplexing manner  
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.

—Exchange.

### A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible."—"Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant."—"Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving."—"Mr. Percival presented a petition praying."—"Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand."—"Lord Lyndhurst said he must extort of every one to give him credit."—"Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought."—"Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance."

### Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle" as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

### Columbia River Thence Named.

The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Rogue, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia, in place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Rogue. According to Whitney, the original name of the river was the Oregon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

### Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson musically. "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what the reason can be?"

### Sometimes They Are.

Little Sister—What are those eggs in a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the fowls of the game.—Chicago News.

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## WHISTLER AT WORK.

The Eccentric Artist Had a Method That Was All His Own.

In "Memories of James McNeill Whistler," by Thomas B. Wagoner, the author allows us a glance at the artist's methods during his residence at the white house in Tite street, built from the designs of his friend, E. W. Godwin, the architect.

"The studio was surprisingly different from the room he previously used in Kingsway row, and entirely unlike the studios usually occupied by other artists. I remember a long, not very lofty room, very light, with windows along one side; his canvas beside his model at one end and at the other, near the table which he used as a palette, an old Georgian looking glass, so arranged that he could readily see his canvas and model reflected in it. Those who used such a mirror (as he did constantly) will know that it is the most merciless of critics."

"I marveled then at his extraordinary activity, as he darted backward and forward to look at both painting and model from his point of view at the extreme end of the long studio. He always used brushes of large size with very long handles, three feet in length, and held them from the end with his arm stretched to its full extent. Each touch was laid on with great firmness, and his physical strength enabled him to do without the assistance of a maulstick, while the distance at which he stood from the canvas allowed him to have the whole of a large picture in sight and so judge the correct drawing of each touch."

## STORY OF THE SEXTANT.

A Chance Observation That Gave Godfrey a Great Idea.

The element of chance plays an important role in invention and in no case is this more strikingly illustrated than in that of Thomas Godfrey, the American who improved upon the quadrant, or rather, devised the sextant, the basic notion for which he got by noting the reflection of the sun from a pond of water.

Godfrey was a glazier by trade, but he had a taste for mathematics and was a man of some culture. John Hadley had also invented a sextant, apparently a development of a suggestion of Newton's, found among his papers at his death. Godfrey anticipated Hadley by about one year, but for a long time his claims were not recognized. Hadley receiving the entire credit.

The glazier thus received his inspiration for the instrument that was to prove of such value to mariners. One day, while replacing a pane of glass in a window of a house in Philadelphia opposite a pump, he saw a girl, after filling her pail, put it upon the sidewalk. The observant glazier saw the sun reflected from the window on which he had been at work into the bucket of water. His mind quickly perceived the significance of the situation, and he was thus led to the design of an instrument "for drawing the sun down to the horizon," a device incomparably superior to any that had hitherto been used for the ascertainment of angular measurements.—Harper's Weekly.

### Bruin Was Fishing.

I was walking on the river shore one evening about sunset watching for a deer. Rounding a bend, I saw perched upon a flat rock some few feet from shore a large black bear. I could not tell at first what he was doing. He was stooping down, with one paw in the water, waving it gently to and fro. I watched closely and saw, just beyond his reach, a large male salmon, so nearly dead that he could not swim. The bear was using his paw to create an eddy which would draw the fish within his grasp. Slowly the salmon

was drawn toward the rock. It was waiting to watch how carefully the bear moved his paw, so as not to frighten his prey. At last the fish came within reach. Bruin reached over, gave it a quick snap, seized it in his jaws and leaped ashore. The whole performance was so that I let him go off, the salmon dangling in his mouth, without even taking a shot at him. Charles North, Moody's Currier.

Red Bridal Gowns.  
It is of interest to note that the choice of white for wedding gowns comparatively of modern origin. In eastern countries pink is the bride color. During the middle ages and the renaissance period, brides wore crimson to the exclusion of all other colors. Most of the Plantagenet and Tudor queens were married in the vivid hue, which is still popular parts of Brittany, where the bride usually dressed in crimson brocade. was Mary Stuart who first changed the color of the bridal garments. At her marriage with Francis II. of France, 1558, which took place not before a altar, but before the great doors. Notre Dame, she was gowned in white brocade, with a train of pale blue Persian velvet six yards in length. This innovation caused a great stir in the fashionable world of that time. It was not, however, until quite the end of the seventeenth century that pure white the color worn by royal widows, became popular for bridal garments.

## Read the Mail

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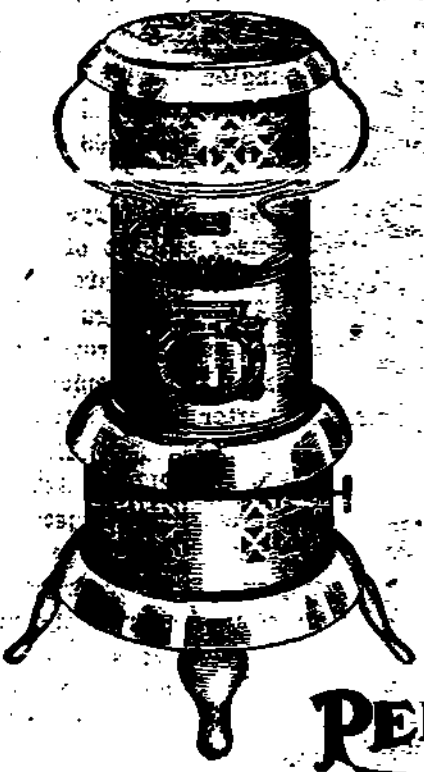
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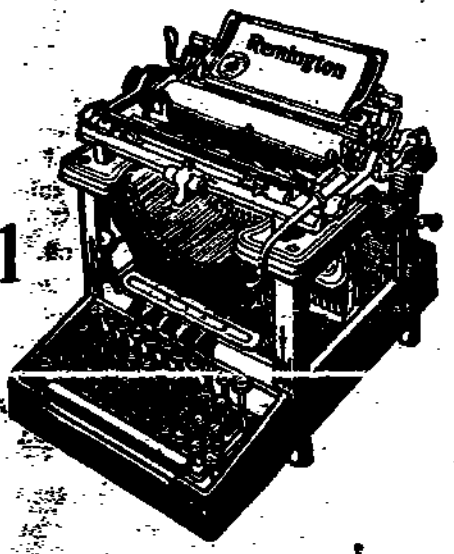
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## AMONG THE THEATRES

### THE COYLE-CHARLEROI

Although Christmas week is acknowledged to be a slack week in the theatre, the Coyle-Charleroi has made a phenomenal record this week. Monday night the program included "Romance and Reality," a Nestor, "No Greater Love," an Imp and "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond," an Elclair. The latter was a beautifully illustrated story of a woman separated from her people and the dear visions she had of beloved Scotland. In Tuesday's program was an absorbing Bison thriller in two reels, "Big Rock's Last Stand." Christmas day was a big day for the Coyle, with a double program. "The Power of the Cross," "The Silent Call," "Energetic Members of the S. P. S. A." and "Through Shadowed Vales," in the afternoon, and "Hunting Game in a Large City," in the evening. The latter was a thrilling criminal and underworld of a great city. Thursday was the delightful classic, "Paul and Virginia," with other strong films to fill in. The balance of the week is replete with Universal, Nestor, Victor, Powers, Bison and Imp films. In Saturday's bill is a strong Bison film, "The Rights of a Savage," which is replete with real western life and all its excitement.

### THE PALACE-CHARLEROI

Christmas week has been a banner week at the Palace Theatre and Christmas day, both at the matinee and night shows brought large crowds and capacity houses. "Evil Influences" was a special three reel feature which made a striking Christmas program. As the name suggests, it taught a moral lesson by showing the evil influences of bad company. Some of the strong dramas of the week were "The Castaway," a Melies film which was the story of a jealous foster son who sets the daughter of his parents adrift in a boat in order that he might become the heir of the estate. Like all good romances, the castaway eventually returns to claim her own inheritance. "A Christmas Accident" tells a pretty Christmas story most appropriate for the season, while "Kitty and the Bandits" and "When Love Leads" two Lubin films, were strong dramas. The first was a thrilling western story where the heroine rides to the rescue of her beleaguered lover, and the latter was a strange story of a reunion after year of separation. A strong bill is on for the balance of the week.

### THE STAR-CHARLEROI

Christmas week at the Star Theatre brought big crowds, contrary to the general expectation that shopping would cut down business at this season. Many out of town patrons found the Star a delightful rest place where first class entertainment was also provided. "God's Unfortunate" was one of the strong films, where a beautiful sentiment was shown of a girl who started in life wrongly and makes a noble effort to retrieve an unfortunate past. "Man's Failing" was a picture that shows the fallacy of parents selecting a career for their children without consulting the tastes and inclinations of the child. "Belinda and the Newlyweds" show the humorous experiences of a newly married couple and "The Emperor's Message" was one of the great Napoleon's experiences in his stirring military career. "Just Hats" was a comedy in which the illimitable "Billy" has adventures galore with "sky pieces" beginning with the "kid" of his sister's beau. A strong and varied Christmas program delighted the large audiences of Star patrons both afternoon and evening.

### THE GRAND-PITTSBURG

The canine phenomenon of the century will be in Pittsburgh next week. This is Don, the talking dog. Don has been the sensation of the past three months in New York as he was for a year previously the sensation of staid Berlin. He gets \$1,000 a week for intelligently and understandingly speaking about eight known words in the German language. If you go to the Grand New Year's week, beginning next Monday afternoon, December 30, you will be convinced that this German hunting dog is actually speaking the language of the fatherland. His vocabulary includes "unger," the German equivalent for hunger; "ruhe," which means rest or silence; "kuchen," which is cake; "nein," the German negative; "haben," which is have in German; "ja," the Teutonic yes, and "ruble," the Russian unit for money. He accentuates every suitable shammy and speaks as distinctly as most any German friends you have. He is the property of Martha Haberland, a German frau who puts him through his paces upon the stage, while Loney Hapack, the inimitable monologist and musical comedy comedian, personally conducts Don's tour and introduces

him to his audiences. Don is eight years old, brown in color and has a fine intelligent head. Paul Morton of the Four Mortons, musical comedy stars and vaudeville favorites, will appear with dainty Noama Glass in a capital winning and talking bit of the musical comedy variety entitled, "My Lady of the Bungalow." Walter S. (Rube) Dickinson, the most successful new act in vaudeville this year, will appear for the first time in Pittsburgh in his own original characterization called "The Ex-Justice of the Peace."

The Basson Players will enact John Stokes' merry comedietta entitled "Between Trains." Two comedy comedians are Muriel and Frances, who will give a specialty of sweet songs and amusing patter. John Higgins, the world's champion jumper who has defeated the Olympian champions in hop, skips and jumps, will make his debut here with the most unusual performance. There will be divers other attractions of the best sort and some Kinemacolor motion pictures which epitomize the wondrous colors of nature and the greatest achievements of the motion camera.

### THE ALVIN-PITTSBURG

On Monday evening, December 30, "The Passing Show of 1912," with the entire New York Winter Garden cast and production will begin a week's engagement at the Alvin Theatre. "The Passing Show of 1912" is an attempt to graphically present a revue of the comic aspects of many important events, political, theatrical and otherwise. The revenue, patterned after the Parisian idea of a kaleidoscopic almanac is in two acts and seven scenes. One song with a chorus of 60 or 70 girls is succeeded by another utilizing the services of an additional set of choisters, show girls and ponies. Quickly the scene shifts and the audience is given a glimpse of an Oriental Harem in which a splendid travesty on "Kismet" is produced with 16 diving girls. Incidental is the startling and weird Oriental dance entitled "The Spark of Life." Other burlesque introduced rapidly are travesties on "Bought and Paid For," "Bunty Pulls the Strings," "A Butterfly on the Wheel," "The Typhoon," "The Quaker Girl," "The Pirates of Penzance" and "Oliver Twist," yet all are so amusing that they can be enjoyed even by those who have not seen the originals. In the cast are Trixie Fitzgerald, Adelaide and Hughes, Charles J. Ross, Eugene and Willis Howard, Texas Guinan, Louis Brunelle, Albert Howson, Moon and Harris and a company of 150.

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The series is remarkable for two reasons—because of the startling revelations and the service in telling the world the appalling facts of the underworld and its methods. In all sincerity he has written these stories, first and foremost attempting to be of service. In all truth they will further the cause of reform and righteousness in this country. In no other way could the facts be secured as by this man, who has spent 20 years of his life in actual personal touch with criminals of every type, not as an outsider who interviews them, but as one who works among and with them.

Jack Rose knows what he writes about as Morgan knows banking or as Edison knows electricity.

The series of articles have been bought at a tremendous price by The Pittsburgh Dispatch and will be published in the Sunday issue, beginning Sunday, December 29. The demand for the Sunday Dispatch, which will publish the entire series in this territory, will be enormous and arrangements should be made with the newsdealers without delay for the papers containing this series. Re-his pace upon the stage, while Loney Hapack, the inimitable monologist and musical comedy comedian, personally conducts Don's tour and introduces

To tell water would seem to be a very simple thing, and yet the life Charles Delmonico used to say that very few people knew how to do it. "The secret is," he said, "in putting good fresh water into a clean kettle already quite warm and setting the water to boiling quickly and then turning it right off for use in tea, coffee or other drinks before it is spoiled. To let it steam and simmer and evaporate until the good water is in the atmosphere and the lime and iron and dross only left in the kettle is what makes a great many people sick. And it is worse than no water at all." For water boiled like this and flavored with a few drops of lemon juice Mr. Delmonico uses so charge as much as for his best flavors, and he often recommended it to his customers and friends who complained of loss of appetite.

A Bold but Unprofitable Retort. "I passed that woman in the second floor apartment downtown this afternoon with a wonderful new French hat on, and she had her chin up so high is the air she couldn't see any one she knew," said Mrs. Kava, with a tinge of resentment in her voice, as she began to pave the way to inform her husband that her own old awning was looking disgracefully shabby and ready for the church rummage sale.

"That's nothing," retorted Mr. Kava coolly. "When a woman gets a new Paris hat it generally goes to her head."

Then he suddenly remembered that he had an engagement and decided this was as good a time as any to keep it—Kansas City Star.

Didn't Sound Right. "Ma, what does d stand for?" "Doctor of divinity, my dear. Don't they teach you the common abbreviations in school?"

"Oh, yes, but that doesn't seem to sound right here." "Read it out loud, my dear." "My Dear (reading) — 'Witness — I heard the defendant say, 'I'll make you suffer for this; I'll be doctor of divinity if I don't.' — Milwaukee Sentinel.

His Kind Heart. Squire Hornbottle—For a married man you seem to have a lot of time to leave around the depot and stores. Next Neverswest—You see squire, I'm so soft hearted it breaks me all up to sit around the house and watch my wife work so hard.—Washington Times

Genuine Economy. Husband—We must begin to economize. Wife—Yes; I began today by cutting all your cigars lengthwise, so that they will last you twice as long.—Satire

A False Alarm. Over the telephone a worried voice addressed the proprietor of a small hardware store in a west Kentucky town.

"Say," the speaker began, "I come in your place today and bought one of them dollar alarm clocks, and you set her for me to go off at 5 o'clock in the morning. D'ye remember?"

"Yes," said the hardware man. "I remember."

"Well," went on the other, "I've just found out that I don't have to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning."

"Glad to hear it," said the hardware man, "but what do you want me to do about it?"

"I want you," said the customer, "to tell me how to unalarm this clock."—Saturday Evening Post.

## ABRIDGED QUARTERLY STATEMENT of the Charleroi Progressive Co-Operative Association Charleroi, Pa. for quarter ending Oct. 5, 1912

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Mdse. as per inventory	\$7,807.99	Capital, Permanent and	
Fixtures	3,256.82	Ordinary Stock	\$8,208.5
Stock in other Co.'s	760.60	Reserve or Surplus	
Insurance premiums	76.79	Fund	2,207.7
Cash items	1,226.04	Rochdale Benefit Fund	548.5
Cash on hand Oct. 5 '12	294.63	Amount payable	2,217.1
Cash in bank Oct. 5 '12	1,420.56	Rent	70.0
		Loans	704.6
		Directors' Salary	37.5
		Wages	290.1
			\$14,284.2
		Net profit	559.1
			\$14,843.43

DIVISION OF SURPLUS	
2 1/2 per cent for reduction of value on fixtures	\$ 81.4
6 per cent a year on paid up stock (for 3 months)	92.0
3 per cent dividend on groceries purchased by members	276.7
3 per cent dividend on employees' wages	43.9
5 per cent dividend on dry goods and shoes purchased by members	15.3
1 1/2 per cent dividend on non-members' purchases	9.0
5 per cent of net profit to Education Fund	28.7

To be carried to Reserve Fund

### OFFICERS OF The Charleroi Progressive Co-Operative Association

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All Christmas Goods must go; and You will have a chance to get many useful articles at one-third to one-half off.

## DOLL REDUCTIONS

Every dressed doll in our stock goes at one-half former prices, kid body dolls one-third off regular prices. Special prices on soiled dolls.

## BOXED GOODS ONE-THIRD OFF

All manicure sets, toilet sets, jewel cases and other boxed Christmas Stock one-third off.

## BOOK REDUCTIONS

All Christmas Books will go at substantial reductions.  
10c Books 6c, 12c Books 8c, 25c Books 17c, 50c Books 39c

Special Reductions on Furs, Coats, Suits and Millinery

Store closes tonight at the usual hour—6 o'clock

# J. W. BERRYMAN & SON

We Clothe The Whole Family

### A Wonderful Moss.

One of the most wonderful specimens of vegetable life known to the botanist is the "life moss" of Jamaica, Barbados and other of the West Indian islands. There are several species of tropical plants which have remarkable tenacity of life, but the "life moss" and the story of its vitality are almost beyond belief, its powers to live under adverse circumstances being certainly beyond that of any other known plant. It appears to be absolutely indestructible by any means except by immersion in boiling water or the application of a red-hot iron to its roots and branching vines. It may be cut up and divided into infinitesimal particles, and then the very smallest shred will throw out roots and soon grow and form new branches and buds. Specimens of this extraordinary plant have been suspended in the air in a dry, hot room; they have been placed in close, air-tight dark boxes, without moisture of any sort, and yet they lived, grew and flourished.

### A Sundial That "Struck."

Paris is said to possess more sundials than any other city in the world. In the eighteenth century the sundial was popular in Paris. Every day at noon the sundial of the Palais Royal was the center of interest of an eager crowd. A writer tells of a "great crowd in the square of the Palais Royal garden, standing motionless, with their noses to the air." Each was waiting for noon, having his watch in hand, ready to set at 12 o'clock. When the Duke of Orleans was altering the palace in 1782 the Parisians were much disturbed, thinking that they were to be deprived of their favorite sundial. But he did not only preserve the sundial, but added to it a little powder magazine, which was so arranged that it exploded when the sunlight fell upon it, thus notifying every one who heard the explosion that the hour of noon had arrived. Later a cannon, which was discharged by the sun at noon, was the signal.

### Information Not Needed.

A middle-aged woman went into a shop and without hesitation made a bargain for the crape counter. The girl who handled this funeral material was extremely affable.

"We have a large stock of crapes," she explained. "Let me show you some new French goods, very popular at this time for every kind of mourning and designed to express every degree of grief. If you will tell me for whom you are in mourning I can fix you out exactly the right thing."

"Husband," replied the customer.

"In your case," said the girl graciously, "I can tell you just what"—

"—a lady," interrupted the older woman angrily. "You needn't bother me. This is the fourth husband I've married, and I know all about it."

—Pittsburgh Post.

The Colonial Shoemaker.

Shoemaking supremacy in shoemaking is a specialty. A shoemaker who does half a dozen different kinds of shoes performs one simple kind of shoe. Here also one factory makes different kinds of shoes, and a separate factory for each kind.

—The Modern Shoe Factory.

The Sicilian tyrants never devised a greater punishment than owing—

—Pittsburgh Post.

There's an economical girl for you!

"As to how?"

"Eats a five-cent lunch every day."

"Yes; she's trying to save \$30 to buy a new hat."—Pittsburgh Post.

The Sicilian tyrants never devised a greater punishment than owing—

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### Equal to the Emergency?

Being equal to an emergency helps one out of plights into which the best of us sometimes fall. A certain actor came so belated to the theater one evening when he was to play Othello in the tragedy of that name that he forgot to blacken his hands and rushed on the stage with them white and his face sooty. Of course the audience giggled, and poor Othello, when he realized the cause of the mirth, was almost unable to proceed with his part and so deeply mortified that when he made his exit after his first scene he declared that he could not finish the performance, but a happy thought struck him. He procured a pair of flesh-colored gloves, blackened his hands, put the gloves on and walked quietly on again. There was quite a little giggling as the Moor went on with his lines, but it entirely subsided as during a speech of one of the other characters the dusky lover carefully drew off his gloves, disclosing hands to match his face. Then those whose fishes had been affected felt small and awkward.

### The End of His Rope.

"Charles," she said, "that's the worst cigar I ever smoked in my life. Throw it away. I'm sick of it."

"It cost 10 cents," he replied, carelessly. "The man said it took four cigars three days to make it, and I'd hate to throw it away. It cost 10 cents."

"Nevertheless," she said between sobs, "if you don't throw it away it will kill me. It's terrible. You know I'm a chronic smoker, but just look at me!"

And indeed he had never seen any one sicker so fast or so hard. Yet he went right on smoking, muttering, "It cost me 10 cents."

The bill for the funeral (an elaborate one, for he left quite a respectable amount) to \$140.00 and as he wrote a check for it he reflected, with a twinge of conscience, "It cost 10 cents, but I suppose it would have been cheaper to throw it away."—Pittsburgh Press.

### A Queen Anne Mince Pie.

Take a large cow's tongue; parboil it; to three pounds of tongue take five pounds of sweet, cut the tongue in thin slices and shred it, but shred the sweet by itself; when they are both pretty fine put in the sweet by degrees; keep shredding them both together till they are as fine almost as flour; then put in three pounds of currants, being first clean washed, picked and dried; cloves, mace, nutmeg, cinnamon, beat very fine, all together three-quarters of an ounce; half a pound of white sugar, a pound of dates stoned and shredded, three ounces of green citron, three ounces of candied orange cut into small thin bits, the yellow rind of two raw lemons grated, three spoonfuls of verjuice, a gill of malaga sack, half a gill of rosewater. These being well mingled, fill your pies; have a care they do not stand too long in the oven to dry after they are just enough.—From a manuscript of 1710.

### Are You in Arrears?

on your subscription? You know we need the money.

## Society and Personal

Mrs. Samuel Spencer and daughter Janet have returned to their home in Toronto, Ohio, after spending Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Copeland of Eighth street.

Miss Elizabeth Gouldin of Elizabeth is spending Christmas week with friends at the home of Mrs. Hannah Watkinson of Speers.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hurst of Fallowfield avenue, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, of Mountsville, W. Va., were over Christmas visitors here with relatives.

Misses Wilda and Alfreda Painter, of Avalon, Miss Marie Seigel of Emsworth, Miss Myrtle Morris, of Wilkinsburg, and Neuman Lewis of Aspinwall are week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis McCook of Third Street.

Miss Lavina Schafer of Smock is here today visiting friends.

Councilman Frank Riva is spending the day in Pittsburgh on business.

## COURTED FORTY SEVEN YEARS, MARRIED NOW

A courtship lasting 47 years culminated Thursday in the wedding of Miss Kate Lanning, aged 62, of West Brownsville and Samuel Clay, aged 62, of California. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. R. Norman of the California Methodist Episcopal church at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Aubrey of West Brownsville.

The couple plighted their troth when 15 years of age, and had been sweethearts and constant companions ever since. Their reasons for not marrying sooner are not known.

The groom is a prosperous farmer of near California and took his bride to his comfortable home at that place. An attempt to keep their marriage from their friends failed and the aged, but happy blushing couple were tendered a rousing serenade before leaving the Aubrey residence.

## MONEY A NATION'S SYMBOL.

Its Appearance Reflects the Character of Its People.

The form taken by money in each country is a curiously accurate indication of the character and tastes of the inhabitants thereof, writes James Davenport Whelpley in the Century. The stately English banknote of splendid workmanship and uncompromising severity, the German note with its rude proportions and florid style of finish, the American certificate of most convenient size, perfect workmanship, crispness of design and with the glint of the metal it stands for; the slovenly Italian paper money, dirty, carelessly cut and to be carefully inspected before it is accepted as genuine, and then the beads and strips of the savage.

There is no better illustration of this reflective character than the money of France. Carefully adjusted in size to fit the wallet carried by every careful Frenchman—and all Frenchmen are careful of money—fine of texture, artistic in design and light and delicate in coloring, it possesses a fineness beside which the money of other nations looks cold and brutal. In the same way the French show fineness and subtlety in their manner of living, their loves and hates, their crimes, their politics, their fighting, and even in their trade and manufacturing. They have no real competitors in this.

## CURIOUS EPITAPHS.

Quaint Inscriptions on Ancient Tombs in England.

A desperate attempt at an epitaph in the nonconformist Campo Santo in Bunhill fields, where Bunyan, Defoe the Cromwells and Mrs. Wesley lie buried, is found on the tomb of Lady Page, a person who seems to have suffered terribly from what we call drowsy, but which might have had another name in those days:

Here lies Dame Mary Page, Bellet of Sir Gregory Page (Bart.). She departed this life March 11, 1719. In the 56th year of her age.

In 67 months she was tapped 66 times. Had taken away 240 gallons of water. Without ever repining at her case Or ever fearing the operation.

A more successful attempt is that found on the tomb of Vavasor Powell, who seems to have suffered eleven years' imprisonment for preaching the gospel. He was known as the "White field of Wales."

In vain oppressors do themselves perplex To find out arts how they the saint may vex. Death spoils their plots and sets the oppressed free: Thus Vavasor obtained true liberty. Christ him released, and now he's bound The martyred souls, with whom he cries, "How long!"—Chambers Journal.

### On Town.

The Actor—What is poetry of action? The Poet—The kind that's always going from actor to actor.—The New York Times.

## A DETECTIVE STORY.

One They Tell In London on Tuesday American Police Officials.

As an illustration of the good nature of Frank Frost, who used to be chief of Scotland Yard, they tell this story in London:

Frank Frost, an American detective (ranked to be in London together, awaiting the extradition of criminals who had been arrested in England for offenses committed in the United States. The Hotel Victoria was then American headquarters in London, and one evening the two Hawksbaws, who had had a convivial day, fell asleep side by side on a divan in the big smoking room of the hotel. An American humorist found a pair of handcuffs in the office of the manager of the hotel and proceeded to shackle the pair together when for two or three hours they slumbered peacefully while the guests of the hotel, American and English, including the ladies, came to gaze upon the scene.

When the detectives finally awakened about 1 o'clock in the morning it was impossible to find a key to the handcuffs and hence impossible to liberate them. They would not hear of sending to a police station for assistance lest the story of their ridiculous plight get out, but they had concluded that Frost, who was then a plain detective inspector, would not betray them. A messenger to Scotland Yard, near by, learned that Frost had gone home long before, but got his address several miles away in the suburbs. An American newspaper man who knew Frost reached his home by cab after 2 o'clock in the morning. He was awakened from slumber and without protest came all the way to the Victoria and released his fellow craftsmen.—New York Sun.

## RAZORS IN CHINA.

They Cost Little, but They Are Made From Old Iron Horseshoes.

An interesting feature of Chinese industry is the making of knives and razors from old horseshoes. The local blacksmiths in the interior cities and towns supply the great population of the empire with knives, razors and scissors of an inferior quality at a very small cost. This cutlery comes from small shops, where only one or two men are employed, usually the proprietor and his sons, and is chiefly made from old horseshoes imported from England and the continent. A discarded steel shoe offers the best material for blades, but the blacksmiths prefer the old shoes of soft iron that come from Glasgow and Hamburg.

One British firm at Tientsin brought over a cargo of old horseshoes from Australia recently, but could not dispose of them, as the native smiths said that the iron was too hard. They like the soft iron because it can be more easily worked by their primitive methods.

A razor commonly used by the poorer class, having a cutting edge of less than two inches, costs 20 tung-tzus, about 9 cents in American currency. Upon the strop the blade takes a fair cutting edge, but is too soft to hold it. Any number of stoppings are necessary before the act of shaving can be completed. After the blades are forged they are simply case hardened and not subjected to the careful tempering employed in the production of western cutlery.—Youth's Companion.

### Speed of a Horse.

Some motorists in the Belfast Northern Whig tell a very interesting story that illustrates how fast a horse can run. At a certain part of the tour the way ran straight for about two miles with banks and hedges on either side. Just about the beginning of this stretch a hare started out from the side and dashed along in front, right in the center of the road. Its ears were laid back, but every few seconds it raised first one ear, and then the other, evidently to hear if the great racing enemy was coming too near. The speed of the motor was increased until it reached twenty-six or twenty-seven miles an hour. If increased further it would have run down the hare. The race continued for almost a mile, and a half. At last an open gate into a field appeared, and through this the animal dashed. The motor was slowed down, and from the slope of the road the men could see the hare running at full speed right across the large field. Evidently it had not been fired by its mighty efforts to keep ahead of the automobile.

### Hospital Wireless.

"A very efficient system of wireless telegraphy exists in every hospital," said the nurse. "Apparently all patients have the knack of transmitting messages; otherwise the news of serious cases would not travel so quickly and accurately from ward to ward. It is contrary to the rules for hospital attendants to retail gossip, and most of them observe strict secrecy, yet notwithstanding that precaution there is never an interesting case in the building whose history is not known and discussed in the remotest corner."

"Last week a boy suffering with a peculiar kind of throat trouble was brought into a first floor ward. The doctors were very much interested in the case, yet they took special pains never to mention it in the hearing of

their caution did they might all have lectured on the case in every ward, for when the boy died men and women all about the hospital said to the nurses: 'So that poor boy died, did he? I suppose there wasn't much hope for him from the start.'"

"How did the news travel?"

## COKE COMPANY

### GIVES TREAT

### TO CHILDREN

Thousands of youngsters about the coke plants of the Connellsville region were made happy Christmas day through the medium of the Union Supply Company which, through General Superintendent John Lynch and his assistants, distributed more than 50,000 packages of candy. Santa Claus appeared at all the 63 stores in Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. Not only were the youngsters taken care of but the poor and needy were also remembered in a suitable way.

### CHARTER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County at Washington, Pennsylvania, on Monday, January 13th, 1913, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., by Kenfoot W. Day, George S. Night, W. R. Gant, C. O. Frye and J. W. Carroll, under the act of assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874 and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called CHARLEROI-MON-ESSEN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, the character and object of which is "the maintenance of a general hospital, and for these purposes to have, possess, and enjoy all the rights, benefits, and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto.

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LOST—In Charleroi Monday small red pocket book containing four valuable rings and the owner's name cards. On pocketbook is stamped, "National Deposit Bank, Brownsville, Pa." Return to Bank of Charleroi and receive reward. 130-4tp

LOST—Lady's purse, on Fifth street. Finder please return to Mrs. C. O. Frye, 401 Crest avenue. 1324tp

LOST—Locket. Initials C. V. W. on one side. Finder please return to Mail office. 1324tp

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